**The Eavesdropper**
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**Forecast: Cool & Delicious**
The 46th Annual Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social is coming up soon! Volunteer to help out by visiting this link: http://signup.com/go/gfLRZox or by contacting the Lex-Ham office. There will be cool treats for sale, a visit from the St. Paul Fire and Department, live music by Taikollaborative Japanese Drumming Ensemble, a Japanese kit craft for kids, and more! A photo exhibit will feature pictures from the Pinhole Camera Workshop will be on display.

If you have a business or organization you would like to promote, table registration is available this year for $30. We’d love to have you join us!

Bring non-perishable items to donate for our 3rd annual Lex-Ham Food Drive. We'll also be capturing stories and pictures from life in Lex-Ham to use in 2019 to celebrate our 50th anniversary. Bring your memories and photos! □

**Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social**
July 22nd from 1-3 PM
Hague Ave Tot Lot

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**Raising the Next Generation of Bikers**
With the help of Saint Paul Police, Lex-Ham hosted a Bike Rodeo on June 30th complete with safety instruction and tune-ups! Kids learned proper hand signals, the importance of helmets, and more. Thanks to all who helped out! Brought to you by “Do a Little Something” Grants. □

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**Emmy’s Turning 90!**  
Lex-Ham friends are invited to celebrate Emmy Treichel’s 90th birthday on August 4th from 9:30-11:30 AM at 1276 Dayton Avenue with juice, coffee, & pastries. As an active resident for 56 years, Emmy helped to revitalize our neighborhood in the 1960s and has continued to be a valuable voice through the decades. Today, she serves on our Board of Directors and our We Care Task Force. Please come and wish her a happy birthday! □

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**Community Calendar**

► **Lex-Ham Community Council**
Board Meetings, All Welcome!
• NO JULY MEETING
• MONDAY, AUGUST 27
7:00 — 9:00 PM
1216 Selby Avenue

► **Western District Safety Meetings**
• TUESDAY, JULY 17
• TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM
Western District Headquarters
389 Hamline Ave

► **Neighborhood Network for Seniors Monthly Coffee—FREE**
Topic: Alzheimer’s
• WEDNESDAY, JULY 18
• WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
10 AM—12 PM
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church
1895 Laurel Ave
RSVP: 651-646-2301

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

► **Lex-Ham Annual Food Drive**
• JULY 22—AUGUST 7
Bring donations to the Ice Cream Social or the Lex-Ham office

► **National Night Out**
• TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

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Information/Complaints/You-Name-It
City of St. Paul Information Hotline
651-266-8989
A Thank You to Steve Kantner, “Mr. Volunteer”  
By Karen Randall

This month we are celebrating volunteer extraordinaire Steve Kantner’s many contributions to the community. Steve is recovering from a stroke and his absence makes it clear just how much he did for Lex-Ham. Steve is a man of many passions that include his daughter, travel, chemistry and politics. Karen Minge, a previous Lex-Ham treasurer, aptly names him “Mr. Volunteer”—Steve worked for change in small and quiet ways by volunteering for numerous organizations and events.

Steve moved to Laurel Avenue in 1987 with his wife Linda and daughter Libby. He joined the Lex-Ham Community Council in 2001, then served as Treasurer and later volunteer bookkeeper from 2002-2017, continuing after he moved from the neighborhood in 2010. Growing up, Libby remembers asking, “Where’s dad?” and the answer often was, “He’s over at the Lex-Ham office.” Linda says that he loved doing the books for Lex-Ham, waking at 5 am to do the task before his job at 3M.

As Lex-Ham down-sized to a single staff member and Steve retired, he took on many office manager sorts of jobs for the Council. He made all the deposits, paid the bills, figured out the insurance, worked with the payroll company, bought the supplies, prepared the budgets, even found and sometimes donated the technology. He worked with the bank and the auditor to ensure the organization’s financial health and then attended Board meetings to explain the systems. Amy Gunderman, current LHCC Executive Director, says that starting out Steve was the person she knew she could call, and he was always positive in working toward a solution. “He was so matter of fact, seeing something that needed to get done, then doing it.” Past Executive Director Margaret Jones agrees, adding that his expertise and passion freed the staff to focus on community organizing and support.

Linda notes that Steve’s volunteering is not motivated by a particular cause but by a personal commitment to doing what he can to improve the lives of others. Volunteering brings him personal satisfaction and it keeps him connected to his community. In addition to bookkeeping, his talent has been to provide behind the scenes support needed for successful events. For Lex-ham, this included being the one who knew how to set up the tent for the ice cream social and working on the spaghetti dinners. He would cook a big pot of spicy sauce or chocolate chip cookies and be there to set up, serve and clean up.

Steve is motivated … by a personal commitment to doing what he can to improve the lives of others.

This commitment to service carried over to many organizations that Steve cared about. Steve shared his financial skills with other non-profits and also volunteered at the public library during tax season. As a long time Democrat, Steve door knocked, literature dropped, and hosted house parties. His support for the arts included ushering at theaters and helping at the Fringe Festival. He volunteered to build houses with Habitat for Humanity, he enjoyed the hard work of neighborhood clean-ups, and handed out candy at Zoo Boo while in costume as the tin man.

The community is lucky to have benefited from Steve’s quiet energy and years of service. In 2012, Steve received the Lex-Ham Linda Feingold Good Neighbor Award. Here’s an encore of appreciation for Mr. Volunteer!

Lex-Ham Food Drive: July 22—August 7 Our Annual Food Drive Restarted Three Years Ago in honor of Philando Castile who served many Lex-Ham kids in the cafeteria of JJ Hill Elementary. We will be collecting non-perishable items for Second Harvest Heartland at the Ice Cream Social and at our office through August 7th. Monetary donations can be made by check or online at http://support.2harvest.org/goto/Lex-Ham.
Wednesday, August 7, 2018
Pull your block together and do something fun while making our neighborhood safer! 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 Ham office if you are interested. If you have questions, contact the Lex-Ham office for more information or apply online at our website under the “About” tab. □

Community Fund Update
THE LEXINGTON-HAMLINE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL VOTE on a material change to the Community Fund Policy during the August 27th Board Meeting. If you have concerns or comments, you may contact our office or a board member.

Currently, the Community Fund Policy’s Rebalancing Policy states that "Asset allocation rebalancing will be periodically completed by the investment manager at its discretion. Rebalancing to target shall be implemented quarterly."

The proposed language at the advice of our fund manager states that "Asset allocation rebalancing will be periodically completed by the investment manager at its discretion. Rebalancing to target shall be implemented annually." □

Lex-Ham’s Golden Anniversary in 2019
WE HAVE 50 YEARS OF HISTORY TO CELEBRATE! We are looking for volunteers to help in big and small ways. Please contact Amy at the Lex-Ham office if you are interested. If you have pictures or stories you’d like to share about what makes Lex-Ham special to you, please contact our office or bring them to the Ice Cream Social. We will have a scanner for pictures so you can keep your originals. □

National Night Out 2018
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is Tuesday, August 7, 2018! Pull your block together and do something fun while making our neighborhood safer! 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! □

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 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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Notice
RICKI TUFT, a resident of Lex-Ham for several decades, died on June 22. There will be a memorial service at Dunning Park Rec Center on July 21st at 6 PM

Car Thefts
THERE HAVE BEEN NIGHTLY REPORTS of people rummaging through cars on our streets. Many residents are convinced that they are using a universal lock to get into cars that are locked as well as cars that are left unlocked. You can purchase bags that block the signal from your key inside your house so that the universal device cannot pick it up or create your own using tin foil liner. □

Board Applicants Welcome
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in becoming more involved in your community and discovering the rewards of contributing in a more hands-on way, please apply to be a member of the Lex-Ham Board of Directors! Two-year terms begin in October. Contact the Lex-Ham office for more information or apply online at our website under the “About” tab. □
Stop for Me Event in Lex-Ham

August 16th from 3-4 PM
Marshall Avenue and Syndicate Street

Volunteers are needed to help raise awareness for pedestrian safety in St. Paul. The Stop for Me Campaign has been working on changing behavior through education and enforcement. A person gets hit by a car every other day in St. Paul and fatalities average 12 per year. These trends are growing. Be a part of the solution! Contact our office to volunteer or sign up at http://signup.com/go/xYYECEC.

Selby Stroll in September

Save the date!
September 22nd from 10 AM - 6 PM

Enjoy a stroll along Selby Avenue in the fall! The Selby at Snelling Business Association along with the Lex-Ham Community Council is hosting a fall event that will include great shopping deals, free bus rides with stops between Lexington to Fairview, music, and more. Mark your calendar for a great day in the neighborhood!

Trigger Locks Available

In light of recent shootings, Lex-Ham Community Council has a limited number of trigger locks available to residents. Please contact our office to pick one up for your home.