Shedding Light
Have you taken the survey on LED streetlights yet? There is still time! The online survey is open until May 19th and a printable version is available as well at stpaul.gov/led. Remember that this feedback will be used to determine a new bulb standard for all residential streetlights in Saint Paul. You do not need to live in Lex-Ham to participate in this survey, it is open to all residents of Saint Paul. Eight bulbs are being tested here and there are two other testing sites in the City. Each block in the testing area has one type of bulb installed in all of its lamps. Hard copies of the survey are also available in the lobby of our office.

One of the Greats
After nearly two years of volunteering as the graphic designer for our Eavesdropper newsletter, Dave Tzeutschler has decided to pass the torch. He has done an amazing job of “learning the trade” with his attention to detail and strong desire to make our newsletters enjoyable to read. His contributions to our neighborhood are greatly appreciated. Dave is one of the secret weapons behind the new St. Paul Tool Library housed at 755 Prior Ave. You should check it out! Dave, thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Lex-Ham!
If you are interested in helping with our newsletter or communications in general, please contact the Lex-Ham office.

Congratulations!
The City of Saint Paul declared April 30th to be Lex-Ham Community Arts Day. For 25 years, Lex-Ham Community Arts has entertained audiences with amazing musical and theatrical performances. Also on April 30th, the Lex-Ham Band hosted the BandWidth music festival at the Landmark Center and performed a piece commissioned in memory of long-time leader and Lex-Ham musical legend Dick Norris. To find out more about upcoming play readings and more, visit lexhamarts.org.

LED Feedback Event participants on a chilly night

Recipients posing with Dai Thao

The amazing and talented Dave Tzeutschler

Community Calendar
► Western District Safety Meetings
  • TUESDAY, MAY 15
  • TUESDAY, JUNE 20
  9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM
  Western District Headquarters
  389 Hamline Ave

► Lex-Ham Community Council Board Meetings
  • MONDAY, MAY 22
  • MONDAY, JUNE 26
  7:00 — 9:00 PM
  1216 Selby Avenue, All welcome!

► Central High School 150th Anniversary Picnic
  • THURSDAY, MAY 18
  5:00—6:30 PM
  Plaza in front of the school
  275 Lexington Ave

► Community Event New Park on Griggs
  • THURSDAY, MAY 25
  4:00—7:00 PM
  New Park Space on Griggs between University & St. Anthony

► Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social
  • SUNDAY, JULY 23
  1:00—3:00PM
  Tot Lot on Hague & Schuneman

► ‘Citizen Jane: Battle Cry for the City’ movie showing
  • STARTING MAY 12 AT THE LAGOON
  An urban planning activist’s story

Information/Complaints/You-Name-It
City of St. Paul Information Hotline
651-266-8989
Thank you!

Sarah Gilbertson
Sarah responded to a survey at last year’s Ice Cream Social indicating a willingness to volunteer with technical support for Lex-Ham. After discussing our needs, she and Executive Director Amy Gundermann decided to focus on updating our website. Check out her outstanding work at lexham.org. What a difference! Sarah, thanks for making our website easy to navigate and beautiful to visit.

Gillian Heuer
For the past 6 months, Gillian has volunteered 50 hours for the Lex-Ham Community Council as a law student at Mitchell|Hamline. Her support has been helpful in many areas of our work including the LED streetlights, engagement regarding our District’s Community Plan, internal document revision, and much more! Thank you, Gillian, for being so diligent, reliable, and delightful to work with. We value your contribution to our organization and wish you all the best.

Board Announcements

Welcome
We gladly welcome Sarah Murphy to our board of directors! Sarah has lived in the neighborhood for a year and half and has a delightful passion for community. She has been involved with several other neighborhood organizations and brings a wealth of experience to our council. Sarah writes: “As a parent of young children, I am especially interested in ensuring a positive future for the neighborhood.”

Farewell
Yvonne DeMarino has stepped down from her position on the board. We sincerely appreciate her contributions to the work of the Lex-Ham Community Council.

Go Volunteer
HandsOn Twin Cities is a full service volunteer center that connects volunteers with over 300 nonprofit affiliates. It is easy to search using several filter options to find just the right opportunity for you. Visit handsontwincities.org and see for yourself!

With Noodles
To the team of volunteers (listed below) who made our Spaghetti Dinner a success: thank you! It was a fun evening with food, music, poetry, and conversation with neighbors. The dinner was made possible by donations from Pizza Luce, A. Johnson & Sons Florist, Breadsmith, Cub Foods, Kowalski’s Market, and the Sonoglyph Collective. What great partners we have!

Paul Bakke, Yvonne DeMarino, Sharon Fischlowitz, Larissa Kiel, Johnell Kolve, Heidi Losleben Jeremy Lostetter, Sarah Murphy, Megan O’Keefe, Karen Randall, Ashley Rashid, Lucas Riley, Shawn Riley, Emmy Treichel, & Sam White

Park Development Events
As partners in the development of the new park on Griggs and St. Anthony, we are co-hosting a park party on July 31st from 4-8pm with Union Park District Council. Please mark your calendars, you won’t want to miss this exciting event! Activities will include nature play, park-naming activities, games, and delicious food. If you are interested in volunteering to help with planning or during the event, please contact our office.

Gordon Parks High School and Skyline Tower are co-hosting an event in the new park space on May 25th from 4:00-7:00pm. Gather and enjoy the food, entertainment and park development activities.

45th Annual Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social 2017
Save the date! On Sunday, July 23rd from 1-3pm we will enjoy ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, the Open-Eye Puppet Theatre, and a visit from the fire department at the Hague Tot Lot! Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering this year.
Emerald Ash Borer in Lex-Ham

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a pest that will likely claim almost all Ash trees in Saint Paul in the next 2-3 years. You may have seen the green bands identifying Ash trees on boulevards to help residents visualize future EAB impact. In Lex-Ham, there are 180 boulevard trees that are Ash, primarily on Ashland, Laurel, and Hague Avenues.

The City is using “structured removal” to cut down and replant whole blocks of infested boulevard trees. No trees in Lex-Ham are scheduled for removal in 2017-18. The City is treating a small percentage of boulevard trees with insecticide to extend the removal cycle. St. Paul will eventually cut down and all Ash boulevard trees and does not have the funding to replace them 1:1. What can residents do about EAB? Homeowners can pay to have their boulevard or private property tree/s treated with insecticide. The cost is $150, which lasts for 2 years, then the tree must be re-treated or it will likely die. Alternatively, you can apply for a free permit from the City to pay for the removal and replanting of boulevard trees with a private tree company to stagger the loss. Other neighborhoods have already experienced a complete loss of their street canopy.

Visit www.stpaul.gov/eab to find more information about the City’s EAB management approach, resources for homeowners, and environmental impact of insecticides. Contact the Lex-Ham office if you are interested in group contracting for tree removal or treatment.

Lex-Ham Business Spotlight

The law firm of Zlimen and McGuiness was founded in 2008 by St. Paul natives Bryan Zlimen and Patrick McGuiness. Located on the corner of Selby and Griggs, their firm now has three attorneys and a legal clerk. The firm focuses on assisting small business owners and individuals with a variety of legal needs, including: business entity formation, employment law advising, contracts, collections, civil litigation, wills and estate planning. Not wanting the hassles of being in either downtown, Zlimen and McGuiness chooses to office in Lex-Ham, the perfect middle ground. The neighborhood reflects the type of firm they are and the clients they work with. Stop by and say hello anytime! The Lex-Ham Community Council would like to thank Zlimen and McGuiness for sponsoring our recent Block Leader Appreciation Event in March.

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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Every Corner, Every Time

Pedestrian safety is still an issue in Saint Paul and Lex-Ham is partnering with the Stop for Me campaign to be a part of the solution. Changing behavior through education and enforcement, 60 events will be held this year throughout the City. Our Executive Director, Amy Gundermann, helped to organize seven events this year including two in Lex-Ham and serves on the Events Committee for the Stop for Me campaign. A special thanks to resident Kabby Jones for coordinating the volunteers for our Laurel and Lexington event. We witnessed over 30 violations in less than two hours. Thanks to all of our great volunteers for coming out on some cold, wet days in April to make a difference!

Remembering Rondo

Lex-Ham We Care hosted a Lunch & Learn event on April 27th with a presentation on the Rondo Community by guest speaker Marvin Anderson. It was declared a smashing success with 25 people in attendance and we look forward to offering similar events in the future. If you are interested in helping to coordinate events for the 55+ crowd, please contact the Lex-Ham office. Thank you, Patricia Eaves, for opening your home to host this first event and for coordinating the lunch!

Volunteers pose at Laurel and Lexington with Commander Jeremy Ellison