Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social
Our favorite mid-summer get-together is coming up soon and this will be our 45th year in a row!
**Sunday, July 23rd from 1-3pm at the Hague and Hamline Tot Lot**
Ice cream sundaes and root beer floats will be available for purchase and another Open-Eye Puppet Theatre performance will be provided by Pizza Luce at 2pm. Visit with Police and Fire Department guests and enjoy reconnecting with neighbors.
Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering to set up, serve, or clean up.

Award-Winning
Each Campus Compact member college in the state is invited to recognize outstanding individuals and partners who contribute to service-learning on their campuses. The Lex-Ham Community Council was chosen by Concordia University for the MN Compact Community Partner Award for 2017! They specifically highlighted the Community @ Work event in which we collaborated with their Department of Art & Design. Here is a description of the award: “This award is for a community-based organization that has enhanced the quality of life in the community in meaningful and measurable ways and has engaged in the development of sustained, reciprocal partnerships with the college or university, thus enriching educational as well as community outcomes.”
We are honored to accept this recognition and look forward to future collaborations with Concordia University.

City of St. Paul Information Hotline
651-266-8989

Community Calendar

**Western District Safety Meetings**
- **TUESDAY, JULY 18**
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**
  9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM
  Western District Headquarters
  389 Hamline Ave

**Lex-Ham Community Council Board Meetings**
- **NO MEETING IN JULY**
- **MONDAY, AUGUST 28**
  7:00 – 9:00 PM
  1216 Selby Avenue, All welcome!

**Rondo Days**
- **JULY 11-15**
  Visit rondoavenueinc.org for more.

**Stadium Site Community Meeting**
- **THURSDAY, JULY 13**
  6:30 PM
  Midpointe Event Ctr: 415 N Pascal

**Bastille Day Block Party**
- **JULY 16**
  11AM – 3PM
  On Selby between Snelling and Fry

**Lex-Ham Food Drive**
- **JULY 23 – AUGUST 1**
  See details on pg 2.

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

**Party in the Park on Griggs**
- **MONDAY, JULY 31**
  4:00 – 7:00PM
  Between St. Anthony & University

**National Night Out**
- **TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**
  See pg 3 for more information.
Lex-Ham Food Drive
This year, Lex-Ham’s Food Drive will run from July 23rd through August 1st. You can bring non-perishable items to the Ice Cream Social, drop them at the Lex-Ham office, or collect at your National Night Out block party. If you are bringing items to the Lex-Ham office, you may put them in the blue bin in the lobby or behind the building after hours. Please do not leave monetary donations in the bins. All proceeds will be donated to Second Harvest Heartland to share with neighbors in need. Thanks for helping to provide support during the summer slump.

Party in the Park on Griggs
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 4-7pm with Union Park District Council. Please mark your calendars, you won’t want to miss this exciting event! The fun will include music, play, park-naming activities, games, and delicious food...all in the future park space. If you are interested in volunteering to help with planning or during the event, please contact our office.

Do A Little Something
Lex-Ham thrives when we bring ideas forward and turn them into action. This year, the Lex-Ham board is inviting you to dream up ways to connect neighbors and improve life in our neighborhood through small scale projects or events. If you have a great idea, submit an application to do a little something that will benefit everyone!

The purpose of the “Do a Little Something” program is to support projects that exemplify the mission of Lexington-Hamline Community Council which is to improve the quality of life and bring about positive community change in the Lexington-Hamline Neighborhood.

In order to be eligible, the project must benefit the Lex-Ham neighborhood and applicants must live in Lex-Ham. Submit an application which can be found on our website under the “Get Involved” tab.

You will be asked to submit a project budget of $300 or less. Projects will be reviewed and selected by the Lex-Ham Outreach Committee and you can expect to be notified within 30 days of receipt of the application if your project is chosen to be funded. In addition to reimbursement for expenses, the Lex-Ham Community Council will support your project or event by sharing information with neighbors through the Eavesdropper (if lead time allows), enews, and Facebook.

Within 30 days after project/event is complete, you are asked to submit a 100 word summary of your event or project including at least three pictures that can be used in Lex-Ham publications.

We know you have impactful ideas to bring to the table, consider applying to make a difference in your community!
National Night Out

National Night Out 2017 is on **Tuesday, August 1st.** Is your block hosting an event? You can choose the time hold a gathering that works for your neighbors and there is no permit fee for NNO. Even if you are not a block leader, you can volunteer to take the lead on this event for your block. Contact our office if you need help getting started! More information and resources can be found at https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/police/national-night-out. St. Paul has been a national award winner for many years due to our level of participation and we are looking forward to another great year!

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**WE CARE**

The tentative date for our next We Care Lunch & Learn for those in the 55+ crowd will be September 21st. Please watch for more information and contact the Lex-Ham office if you’d like to be added to the Lex-Ham We Care mailing list.

**Rain Gardens**

Rain Garden Grants Available for Lex-Ham Residents!
Rain gardens beautify the neighborhood, have environmental benefits, and channel rainwater away from homes and overfull storm sewers. If you have a boulevard without a tree, or have an Ash tree in your boulevard, you could be a perfect rain garden candidate.

Grants, plants, garden design and planting are available! Ms. Lena Buggs, our rep from the Ramsey County Conservation Board, will be at the Ice Cream Social to share further information. You may also stop by the Lex-Ham Community Council office for brochures or contact Sarah Murphy (sarahrgradickmurphy@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about this wonderful opportunity.

**Ash Trees in Lex-Ham**

The Lex-Ham Board has approved the formation of an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Task Force to take a closer look at how to prevent EAB from claiming all of our boulevard Ash trees at once. All boulevard Ash trees in Lex-Ham have been identified with a green band. EAB is anticipated to claim all Ash within the next few years. If this issue is important to you, please contact the Lex-Ham office to find out how you can help.

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**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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Vacation Watch
This is a Crime Prevention Program of the St. Paul Western District Police Department. A reserve officer will patrol by the homes of residents who are on vacation. To participate, residents need to call the Western District and give the dates(s) of leaving and returning. You will need to provide details about your absence including an key holders that will be caring for plants or pets. This is a FREE service that provides peace of mind while you are away. To sign up for Vacation Watch, call 651-266-5485.

LED Study in Lex-Ham
Thank you for participating in the LED street lighting study conducted in Lex-Ham. Your input is valuable in this process. Eight bulbs were tested including several different styles and two different Kelvin levels (3000 and 4000). Public Works is compiling the feedback and determining the next steps.

Join the Lex-Ham Email Group!
Join the enews list by emailing Amy at lexham@lexham.org or sign up on our website and get more frequent updates on Lex-Ham news. Information included in enews is not the same as the Eavesdropper.

Summit Bridge Reconstruction
The Summit Bridge over Ayd Mill Road is projected to be reconstructed in 2019 and the City of Saint Paul is engaging with residents about certain aspects of the project for input. Please visit their website at www.stpaul.gov/summit-bridge to complete a survey and watch for more information to follow regarding community meetings.