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A Park Named...

THE FOLLOWING NAMES are the finalists for the new park on Griggs that came from a community listening process:

Peace Park—Participants described the word "Peace" as being inspirational, calming, and a way to bring people together across cultures.
Midway Park—Midway is a popular name for the area. For many, the term "Midway" fosters a strong sense of belonging and pride.
Mosaic Park—Many neighbors want the park to celebrate the diversity of the area through art. For participants, the word "Mosaic" reflects both the mosaic of cultures in the area and inspires art for the space.
Tiwahe Park—"Tiwahe" is the Dakota word for immediate family—the people you are dwelling with. This name honors the Dakota people who first inhabited the area.
Unity Park—"Unity Park" represents coming together across cultures into one community.

How will the name be decided?
These names have been presented in various community locations, including the Lex-Ham office in recent weeks. The two names that received the most votes will be presented to the Union Park District Council Board in January for their approval and finally to the Saint Paul Parks Commission, who will determine the name for the future park at Griggs.

Welcome to the Lex-Ham Board!

JOSH WILKES IS THE NEWEST member of the board of directors for the Lex-Ham Community Council. Josh and his family have recently moved back to Lex-Ham after living overseas. He is a watchmaker at JB Hudson and is looking forward to making a positive impact through local community involvement. Welcome, Josh!

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

Community Calendar

► Western District Safety Meetings
  • TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
  • TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
  9:30 AM OR 6:30 PM
  Western District Headquarters
  389 Hamline Ave

► Lex-Ham Community Council Board Meeting, All welcome!
  • SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
  During Board Retreat
  10:30 – 11:00 AM
  Carlander Room, Concordia University

► Mizna Arab Touring Film Fest
  • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8
  7:00 PM "Tramontane"
  Buetow Auditorium
  Concordia University, St Paul

► Lex-Ham Spaghetti Dinner
  • SUNDAY, MARCH 18
  5:30 – 7:00 PM
  St. George Orthodox Church,
  1111 Summit Ave
  Save the Date!

A Heartfelt Thanks to our Kind Neighbors

THANK YOU TO THE Penson family for hosting another delightful Lex-Ham Holiday party in December. Also, thanks to Katy Taylor and Emmy Treichel for a heart-warming night of caroling through Lex-Ham. Your generosity and initiative are such gifts to our neighborhood!
Sarah Johnson has put in countless hours on the website redesign for LHCC this past year. She has allowed us to create a platform that is versatile yet simple and attractive. Already, our site has been usable for capturing information, engaging residents, and more efficiently accomplishing our work.

Update on LEDs

The results from the LED lighting study that was conducted in Lex-Ham by Public Works can be viewed on our website under the “Community” tab. Next, the City will issue a request for proposals (RFP) for an LED bulb to be created that will be suitable for residential streets based on the findings of the study. The lower Kelvin(K) level bulbs were found to be strongly preferred and the top-mounted sample which directed the light down made a difference in livability as well. Currently, 3000 K bulbs are not available for top mounting on our older lantern-style fixtures. The RFP process, including selecting a manufacturer, creating the new bulbs, and installing them, could take up to a year.

In the short term, Public Works has committed to replacing the 4000 K LEDs in our neighborhood with a 3000 K LED that is corncob-shaped which was the second-most favored option from the study.

MEGAN O’KEEFE

The Good Neighbor Award is given to an individual or organization who played a major role in supporting the Lexington-Hamline neighborhood as a “great” place to live. Megan O’Keefe received the “Good Neighbor Award” for reaching out to her fellow neighbors in kind and caring ways, drawing her block together on her always-welcoming front porch, and sharing small gestures and good deeds with all those around her. Neighbors know that when Megan is on her porch, no invitation is needed: you simply walk over, sit down and start relaxing. She is always available for lending missing ingredients, sharing stories with laughter, giving hugs to comfort, preparing meals and providing childcare when emergencies arise. Megan makes her block of neighbors feel more like family.

The Lex-Ham Community Council has enjoyed a great relationship with Skyline over many decades, collaborating on countless projects. This year, the staff of Skyline Tower went above and beyond to make the Park Party a huge success on July 31. They provided tables, chairs, a performance stage, garbage cans and more which entailed physically moving those items to and from the park space. They provided face painting and cut 25 watermelons and cheerfully labored alongside our volunteers to make it a special day of celebration. What a gift to our community! We look forward to our continued partnership!
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**Mission Statement**

The Lexington 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.

**Who We Are**

The Lex-Ham neighborhood in St. Paul is given to Lex-Ham residents whose outstanding activities have made the neighborhood a community of which we are all proud to be a part. In 2011, Heidi Losleben began fostering dogs for an organization called Safe Hands, rescuing truckloads of dogs from high-kill shelters. Since then she has fostered around 75 dogs and helped to find their furever homes...many of them right here in Lex-Ham! Currently, she is working to reconnect dogs with their owners who were separated during Hurricane Harvey. While caring for dogs in need, she also generously opens her home to children who love to visit and is an ambassador for the many ways that pets benefit families & communities.

The Community Service Award is given to Lex-Ham residents whose outstanding activities have made the neighborhood a community of which we are all proud to be a part. In 2011, Heidi Losleben began fostering dogs for an organization called Safe Hands, rescuing truckloads of dogs from high-kill shelters. Since then she has fostered around 75 dogs and helped to find their furever homes...many of them right here in Lex-Ham! Currently, she is working to reconnect dogs with their owners who were separated during Hurricane Harvey. While caring for dogs in need, she also generously opens her home to children who love to visit and is an ambassador for the many ways that pets benefit families & communities.

**Richard Norris Award**

The Richard Norris Award is given to someone who has made notable contributions to the musical and cultural life of the community.

David Tzeutschler served as the volunteer graphic designer for the Eavesdropper for two years. This is a heavy load and he approached it with great sincerity and dedication. David’s work as a volunteer has allowed our organization to function with minimal staffing while continuing to serve our neighborhood.

**Board of Directors**

- Sharon Fischlowitz, President
- Amy Lucas Riley, Vice President
- Ashley Rashid, Treasurer
- Larissa Kiel, Secretary
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- Jeremy Lostetter
- Sarah Murphy
- Dawn Puroway
- Emmy Treichel
- Sam White
- Joshua Wilkes

**Staff**

Amy Gundermann, Executive Director

**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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**Spaghetti Dinner**

The 30th Annual Lex-Ham Spaghetti Dinner is coming up on the evening of March 18th and will be held at St. George Greek Orthodox Church (*note the change in date from last issue). If you would like to get in on the fun and volunteer, please contact our Executive Director Amy Gundermann at lexham@lexham.org or call 651-645-3207.
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Be a Volunteer

SENIORS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD are in need of helping hands this winter! Could you help shovel out an older neighbor or salt some icy steps? You’ll make a huge difference in only a few hours a month.

This is a perfect opportunity for teens!

Warm your heart and be a SNOW ANGEL this winter!

Call Neighborhood Network for Seniors at 651-646-2301 or visit the website at www.neighborhoodnetworkforseniors.org

Future Live/Work Space

RONDO COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) and its partner, Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC), in cooperation with the Neighborhood Network for Seniors (NNS) and Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) are developing two mixed-use commercial/residential buildings on Selby known as the Selby Milton Victoria (SMV) Project.

The goal of the project is to shape the development of Central Selby in a manner that retains the legacy of the historic Rondo community, long the social center of the African-American community in Saint Paul.

Part of the commercial space outlined for the SMV project will include 3 live/work units. The front space of these units on Selby Avenue will serve as working space for a local business initiative, and the space further back will provide separate living areas with kitchen and bath facilities. There will be 24 apartments on the upper two floors for affordable senior housing.

If you are interested in applying to lease the live/work units in the SMV project, please contact Greg Finzell at 651-221-9884.