Hop on Board

THE LEX-HAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL’s board of directors is seeking new members. 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! Two-year terms begin in October. Contact the Lex-Ham office for more information or apply online at our website under the “About” tab.

Two amazing board members, Lucas & Emmy

The Other Great Get-Together

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU HEAR FANTASTIC Japanese drumming, spray the hose of a fire truck, and see a photo exhibit of delightful work created by your neighbors? The Lex-Ham Ice Cream Social included all of this and more in July! Our sponsors for this event were Thrivent, Cub Foods, Kowalski’s, and the Metro Regional Arts Council through Union Park District Council. Thank you to each of the volunteers who worked hard to make this event run smoothly!
Block by Block

Many Lex-Ham blocks participated in National Night Out in August, building on those friendships that are crucial in making our neighborhood safe. Block leaders and organizers, thank you for your great work and dedication!

Taking a Break

Our weekly walking/running group, Lex-Ham in Motion has been cancelled for now. Thank you to those who attended and helped to organize this effort. We may explore more ways to encourage group participation in exercise in the future.

Silent Auction 2018

Auction Date: October 28, 6-8 pm at St. George Orthodox Church
Submission Deadline: October 25

Please consider donating to our silent auction, supporting ongoing work to care for our community! We are happy to pick up any items at your request and all donations are tax deductible. Complete the form on our website and submit donations by Thursday, October 25. Join us for the auction during our Neighborhood Potluck & Annual Meeting on October 28 from 6-8pm to bid on some amazing items. Thanks for supporting the Lex-Ham Community Council!

Donuts with Love

Thank you to Suzie Norris & friends for hosting the 90th birthday party for Emmy Treichel. Suzie opened her home to the neighborhood on a drizzly day, so her kindness was double!

Round of Applause

Through a unique agreement with the City of Saint Paul, our traffic circles are tended by your neighbors who donate their time, sweat, plantings, and amendments from their own hearts. We would like to wholeheartedly thank those who help to make our traffic circles, beautiful, cheerful, and welcoming:

- Jones Family
- Jen Germain
- Alice Proud
- Heidi Losleben
- Merry Munroe
- Ellen Handrahan
- LeAnn and Craig Tomera
- Donna Krause

Summer Food Drive

During our Annual Food Drive in honor of Philando Castile, $50 and 52.4 pounds of food were donated to those in need through Second Harvest Heartland. Thank you to all who participated!

Lex-Ham Neighborhood Potluck

Potluck Dinner, Neighborhood Awards, Silent Auction, and Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 28th from 6-8 PM
St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave

Celebrate all the good stuff that we have been up to in 2018 by coming to the Lex-Ham Neighborhood Potluck and Annual Meeting. Help provide funding for our work and launch our 50th Anniversary year by bidding on awesome silent auction items. During the event, Neighborhood Awards are presented to honor residents who have gone above and beyond. (More information on this is on page 3.) A brief meeting is held to elect the new board for Lex-Ham. Plan to bring your family and a dish to share for the potluck dinner.
WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE LEX-HAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL’S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN 2019. THE ANNIVERSARY TASK FORCE IS COLLECTING STORIES FROM THE PAST AND PRESENT. IF YOU HAVE PICTURES OR STORIES YOU’D LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT WHAT MAKES LEX-HAM SPECIAL TO YOU, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR PAST LHCC MERCHANDISE (TOTE BAGS, T-SHIRTS) THAT WOULD NOW BE CONSIDERED VINTAGE TREASURES! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, EVEN IN SMALL WAYS, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEX-HAM OFFICE.

Nominate a Great Neighbor

EVERY YEAR, WE CELEBRATE THE ‘SUPER-HEROS’ IN OUR MIDST WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS CEREMONY. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE DOING AMAZING THINGS IN LEX-HAM, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO NOMINATE THEM FOR ONE OF THE AWARDS LISTED BELOW BY SEPTEMBER 26 OR COMPLETE THE FORM ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE “ABOUT” TAB. AWARDS ARE GIVEN DURING OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 28.

Trigger Locks Available

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.

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.

Board of Directors

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Business Spotlight

Jennifer Becker & Co.

Jennifer Becker & Co. has been operating out of St. Paul for the last 6 years. They specialize in custom made fine violins violas & cellos, restoration, repair, and setups for new players. The owner, Jennifer, began her apprenticeship at the age of 11, studying with her father and grandfather in Chicago. Her grandfather, Carl G. Becker, began making in 1901, and established his own shop with his son Carl F. Becker in 1969. After working with her grandfather and her father for the first decade of her career, she struck out on her own to establish a new practice in Minneapolis in 1978.

Over the last 40 years she has had the privilege to work on some of the most prestigious instruments in the world— including genuine Strads. She’s made violins for professionals in the SPCO, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Kansas City Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, and the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

Jennifer believes everyone who comes through her doors deserves an instrument that brings out their best. Her focus on the needs of the player predicate every decision made within the shop— including whether to restore an old family heirloom, or purchase a new instrument. As a maker, she strives to ensure the best tone, comfort, and playability of every violin, viola, or cello she touches. As a caretaker, she goes out of her way to teach each player how to care for their instrument by explaining the setup. Jennifer is always happy to meet new people, and looks forward to serving the neighborhood for many years to come.

Jennifer at work
Selby Stroll & Lex-Ham Fall Festival

JOIN IN THE FALL FUN on September 22 from 10-6pm! Drop by our office to enjoy live music, hot cider, tiny pumpkin painting and more. O’Gara’s bus will be offering free rides along Selby between Dunlap and Fairview so you can check out all of the great deals and businesses in our neighborhood. Look for hay bales and scarecrows marking the “bus stops”. Also, Concordia University Art & Design students are helping us create a unique scarecrow festival between Griggs and Dunlap. Fun for the whole family! Thank you to Pizza Luce and Thrivent Financial for helping to sponsor the Fall Festival activities in our office side yard. Volunteers needed!

Lex-Ham Yard Activity Schedule:

10:30-11:00 AM
Story-telling with Keith Hays

11:00-12:00 PM
Balloon Twisting by Ms. Jazee

1:00-1:45 PM
Play-along Uke Group
Led by Mark from Playing with Music, bring your own ukulele or purchase one on site!

4:00-5:00 PM
Modern Spark Jazz Trio

THE SELBY STROLL
Fairview to Dunlap
Sat, September 22
10am to 6pm

Food, Live Music, Shopping
Special Promotions!

Stroll the Avenue or ride the free Shuttle Bus!

Fall in love with Selby Avenue!

Co-sponsored by:
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