We want to help support residents to age well at home in Lex -Ham. Take advantage of these local programs for older adults.

**The Hamline-Midway Elders Monthly Luncheon**
Second Tuesday of the month
Hamline Church, 1514 Englewood Ave.
Lunch 11:30 - Speaker 12:15
Free will donations, suggested amount $7
Dec. 12: "Seasonal Music" Chorus

**Life Enrichment Action Program (LEAP) - FREE!**
An in-home screening and Intervention program for 55+ delivered by trained practitioners through the Jewish Family Services
Contact Shannon Nixon (651)690--8904 or snixon@jfssp.org

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**Celebrating Together**

NEIGHBORS FILLED THE ROOM to celebrate this past year in Lex-Ham at the Neighborhood Potluck & Annual Meeting. Special thanks to our event volunteers, especially Ashley Rashid who coordinated another amazing silent auction! Please watch for more information about the neighborhood award recipients in the next Eavesdropper. When the neighborhood comes together and connections are made, we are strengthened in powerful ways.

Please join us in thanking all of the auction donors listed below for their generosity and Thrivent Financial for sponsoring our event through an Action Team Grant.

- Breadsmith
- Dunn Bros
- Cafe Latte
- Commonwealth Properties
- Sharon Fischlowitz & Cameron Parkhurst
- Catherine Hinz
- Johnell & Chris Kolve
- Karen Minge
- Mississippi Market
- Minnesota United
- Kirsten Morissette
- Sarah Murphy
- Payshee's Popcorn
- PJ Murphy’s
- Karen Randall
- Faris & Ashley Rashid
- Lucas & Shawn Riley

**Welcome, to the Board!**

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME a new member to our Board of Directors! Natalie Kennedy Schuck moved to Lex-Ham a couple of years ago with her family and is excited to become more involved. Natalie is a Program Officer for the Minnesota State Arts Board.

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**Community Calendar**

- **Western District Safety Meetings**
  - **Tuesday, November 20**
  - **Tuesday, December 18**
  9:30 AM or 6:30 PM
  Western District Headquarters
  389 Hamline Ave

- **Lex-Ham Community Council Board Meeting**
  - **Monday, November 26**
  7:00 — 9:00 PM
  No meeting in December
  1216 Selby Avenue, All welcome!

- **Lex-Ham Band Holiday Concert**
  - **Sunday, December 16**
  7:00 PM
  Buetow Auditorium
  Concordia University, St Paul

- **Lex-Ham Caroling Event**
  - **Sunday, December 23**
  6:15 PM ‘till they’ll have us
  Starting with treats at 1272 Dayton Ave

- **Lex-Ham Spaghetti Dinner**
  - **Sunday, March 3**
  5:00 PM
  Save the Date!

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**Gone over the holidays?**

Don’t forget St. Paul police will keep an eye on your house. If you’re interested, call 651-266-5485
President’s Report
The Lexington-Hamline Community Council is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all residents of the Lexington-Hamline Neighborhood. This year the Council has faced challenges, enjoyed successes, and is gathering momentum to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2019.

Maintaining continuity is an important part of our work. Through our committees and staff, we organize and host traditions and events like our Annual Potluck Dinner in the fall, the Spaghetti Dinner in the spring and the Ice Cream Social during the summer. We also support resident-led activities such as National Night Out in August and holiday caroling in December. The Lex-Ham e-newsletter and the Eavesdropper are excellent sources for dates and information. Please consider serving on the Lex-Ham Events Committee to keep our neighborhood engaged and thriving as it is currently in need of members. We welcome all ages, levels and skills from our volunteers. Any assistance, no matter how small, is appreciated!

All board members serve on one of our Lex-Ham committees and often on a task force as well. This year, many volunteers shepherded significant work for the neighborhood.

- Community Fund Task Force volunteers navigated the transition of the home of the Fund, which also included updating and enacting relevant policies and documents.
- Finance Committee volunteers helped the organization navigate changes to the Home Improvement Loan Program.
- Outreach volunteers brought bike rodeos back to LexHam and continued to find ways to bring people together.
- Events Committee volunteers give their all year-round, making each of our gatherings welcoming, meaningful, and fun.

The Lexington Hamline Community Council turns 50 in 2019! No other community council in Saint Paul can make such a prestigious claim. We have been able to do it through the strength of neighbors just like you and we invite you to join us to celebrate our half-century of history and forge a place for the council and the neighborhood for the next 50 years. We can’t do this without YOU. There will be festivities and a book of memories to commemorate our first 50 years. There may be a piece of public art, the details of which are still emerging. The 50th anniversary celebration team needs your enthusiasm and engagement as we recognize and honor our founders, volunteers, and our past and move into our future. Consider donating some of your time and talents to this very worthy cause and have fun with your neighbors in the process.

Thank you for all that you do to support our neighborhood and to celebrate Lex-Ham. Thank you to all the volunteers, committee, task force, and board members who help to make Lex-Ham a wonderful place to live. It has been a pleasure and an honor serving with you. Finally, please join me in thanking our Executive Director Amy Gundermann. Her dedication, insight, wisdom, hard work, and compassion truly make the Lex-Ham neighborhood and community council a wonderful place to live.

Respectfully, — Sharon Fischlowitz

Events Committee Report — Lucas Riley
The goal of the Events Committee is to plan and put on events that bring neighbors together while celebrating and supporting the Lex-Ham community in which we live. 2018 saw a big drop in Events Committee members so if you are considering volunteering, WE NEED YOU! Lex-Ham events are what keeps the neighborhood coming together and so we rely on the amazing support of not only the LHCC, but also our incredible neighbors. Even with our small committee, we managed to pull off some awesome events.

Our events for the year included:

Past Presidents Party - In anticipation of our 50th Anniversary, we invited past council presidents to come together to share highlights from past years and mingle with our current council.

The Spaghetti Dinner - Always a fan favorite, we served approximately 200 neighbors with a warm meal and fellowship.

Block Leader Appreciation - These folks work hard all year supporting the work of LHCC and this is our chance to say thank you! This year it was hosted at The Lex.

Pinhole Camera Workshop— A joint community event with Concordia using sunlight to create photos.

Ice Cream Social - A favorite summer tradition that this year included unique Japanese drumming and booths from some of our community partners.

Food Drive - An effort coordinated with National Night Out to gather food for the Second Harvest Food Shelf.

National Night Out - Saint Paul has one of the highest percentages of participation of this event in the nation! Many of our blocks have parties to address neighborhood safety, spend time with our local law enforcement and further improve their relationships with the neighbors on their street. Selby Stroll - 2018 was the first year we participated in this event to promote businesses along Selby Avenue. LHCC provided music and activities to all who stopped by (pictured to the left).

In the coming year, the Events Committee is dedicated to continue our work connecting residents so that people are able to better know their neighbors and make a deeper connection to the community that is Lex-Ham. We look forward to another great year of investing in this close-knit community of ours.
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Outreach Committee Report — Sarah Murphy

The Outreach Committee was created to foster engagement with our community. Outreach supports ongoing projects, including We Care for seniors, pedestrian safety, communication, administration of the Good Works Fund, and environmental interests, and also works on more short-term initiatives in partnership with neighbors. This year, we collaborated on the park-naming and design process for Midway Peace Park in Lex-Ham and also coordinated a work day to complete projects at Dunning Park.

Highlights of the Outreach Committee this year included:

• Bike Rodeo in June
  ⇒ The Outreach Committee partnered with St. Paul Police to provide bike safety instruction, free helmets, and bike safety checks for neighborhood children. The event was well-attended and fun for all. We hope to have another Bike Rodeo next year.

• Pedestrian Safety
  ⇒ Stop for Me events were held throughout the year, in partnership with police, to raise awareness about stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks. Neighbors volunteered to support this effort. We also created crossing flags at 4 intersections in Lex-Ham.

• “Do A Little Something” Grants
  ⇒ The first year of “Do a Little Something” grants was a success! “Do a Little Something” grants are a way for neighbors to put their own ideas into action to connect neighbors and benefit everyone. This year, these grants from the LHCC Good Works fund supported the annual 4th of July event on Portland Ave., a Sock Drive organized by a Lex-Ham teen, and exercise shoes for seniors at Skyline, among other things.

• Lex-Ham in Motion
  ⇒ Outreach organized a Sunday afternoon walking and running group, which met in the Spring and Summer. It was a fun way to connect neighbors while encouraging healthy lifestyles, but the group has been put on hold for now due to busy schedules.