

## Notes From Hamline Midway Elders:

*Hamline Midway Elders (HME) provides supportive services for seniors living in the Hamline Midway neighborhood. All events at Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. For more information, contact HME at 651-209-6542.*



**Second Tuesday Luncheons:** Hamline Midway Elders holds luncheons for seniors on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Call HMC to request free transportation. Come for the meal or the presentation only; a free-will donation is requested for the meal.

**11:30am, February 14:**  
**“Remembering Mimi: Recipes, Family, and Cooking Across Generations.”**  
Neighborhood resident and Hamline University Assistant Professor Kim Johnson will address the love of a granddaughter for her grandmother through a history of recipes. Presentation starts at 12:15.

**11:30am, March 13:**  
**“Who Says Men Don’t Care? A Man’s Guide to Balanced and Guilt-Free Caregiving.”**  
presented by James Gamone, Adjunct Professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of Public Service, Capella University. Presentation starts at 12:15.



## Planning Underway for 2012 Heartwood Festival!

Planning is underway for the 2012 Hamline Midway Heartwood Festival (formerly known as the Hamline Midway Spring Festival). The event will likely be held on Saturday, June 2 at Newell Park (save the date, but we won't have confirmation until after this newsletter goes to print).

The theme of the 2012 festival will be art and sustainability, and will include a local business fair, a green home improvement fair, green living workshops, an arts and crafts fair, community resources, children's activities, silent auction, entertainment, and food.

**Call for Music and Performing Arts.** Musical acts and performing artists interested in performing at the festival must submit a sample of their work via web link e-mailed to [faith@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:faith@hamlinemidway.org) or via CD mailed to HMC, 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104 (please NO e-mail attachments) no later than Monday, March 26. Acts of various lengths, styles, and genera are desired, with a special interest in local acts.

**Call for Artists, Artisans & Crafters.** Artists, artisans, and crafters interested in showing their work at the festival must submit a photo of their work as a web link or as an email attachment (file no larger than 1MB) to [faith@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:faith@hamlinemidway.org) no later than Friday, May 18. Booths are \$75 or FREE with a donation of equal or greater value to the silent auction.

**Call for Sponsors.** Sponsorship levels are \$1000, \$500, \$350. Any organization or business interested in sponsoring the festival should contact Faith Krogstad at 651-494-7683 or [faith@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:faith@hamlinemidway.org).

**Pre-Festival Comedy & Variety Show.** The Hamline Midway Heartwood Festival proudly presents a comedy/variety show featuring the Midway Frogtown Arborators & other acts, **6:30 - 8:30pm, Sunday, February 12** at the Turf Club (1601 University Avenue West; NW corner of Snelling & University). Join the Arborators and friends on for an evening of music, comedy, and more to raise funds for the Heartwood Festival.



## Hamline Park Building Update

The City of Saint Paul is currently drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will invite proposals for the creative reuse of the building under a long-term lease agreement. The RFP will be issued sometime in January. For more info, please contact Michael Jon Olson at [michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org) or 651-494-7683.



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# Neighborhood NEWS

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## Hamline Midway 2012 Honor Roll Honorees

Every year in January, the City of Saint Paul and the City's 17 District Councils celebrate the contributions of outstanding neighborhood volunteers. Each District Council can name up to 3 groups or individuals for recognition at the City's "Neighborhood Honor Roll" event, which will be held on January 20. This year's honorees from Hamline Midway are Pat Vanreese, Kathy Oaks, and the Hamline Midway History Corps.

**Pat Vanreese.** We all appreciate having a helpful neighbor - one who will look after our pets or lend us a tool or help with a home improvement project - and Pat is that neighbor. Even more so, we all appreciate having a helpful neighbor *in the winter* - one who will help remove our ice dams or take out the snow blower and clear the sidewalk and driveways on the block. According to those who live near him, Pat is that neighbor, too.

**Kathy Oaks.** For the past several years, Kathy has hosted and promoted the Hamline Midway Barter Market - a time and place for local residents to swap extra produce, trade home-made goods, exchange used items, or just have a good conversation. Through her generous investment of time and energy, Kathy has advanced the twin ethics of neighborliness and stewardship of our planet.

**Hamline Midway History Corps.** Since 2005, the Hamline Midway History Corps has persistently pursued its mission to collect, share, and preserve the history of the Hamline Midway neighborhood. From a popular speaker series to monthly meet-ups to archival projects to advocacy for the preservation of the historic Hamline Park Building, the Hamline Midway History Corp has consistently reminded the neighborhood that the future of a community is always firmly rooted in its past.

HMC salutes Hamline Midway's 2012 Neighborhood Honor Roll honorees!

For more information, please contact Michael Jon Olson at 651-494-7682 or [michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org).

## January/February HMC Calendar Highlights

*Unless otherwise noted, all events and meetings are at the Hamline Midway Library (1558 West Minnehaha Avenue). For more info about any of these events contact HMC at 651-494-7682.*

**1/12. HMC Development Committee Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00pm** (see notice on page 2).

**1/25. Local Food Resource Hub Kick-Off, 7:00 - 8:30pm** (see notice on page 2).

**2/12. Comedy/Variety Show to benefit the Hamline Midway Heartwood Festival** (see notice on back page).

**2/22. HMEG Seed Swap, Winter Sowing, & Film Screening, 5:30 - 8:00pm** (see notice on page 3).

*For a full calendar of local events and meetings of interest, visit the HMC website at [www.hamlinemidway.org](http://www.hamlinemidway.org).*





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Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) is dedicated to making the Hamline Midway neighborhood a great place to live, learn, work, and play.

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(just east of Snelling Avenue)  
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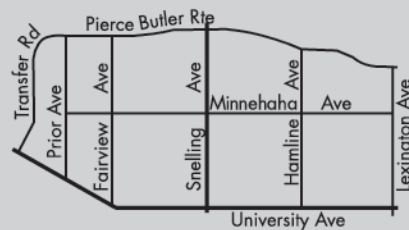
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## THE HAMLINEMIDWAY NEIGHBORHOOD:



## Local Food Resource Hub Kickoff Event

Join efforts to build a stronger local food system in our community at the Midway Local Food Resource Hub Kick-Off, **7:00 - 8:30pm, Wednesday, January 25** at the Hamline Midway Library (1558 West Minnehaha Avenue).

Join your neighbors and access low-cost seeds and plants, gardening workshops, a tool-lending library, newly-established community gardens, and more. Learn about local food opportunities in the neighborhood and join the discussion to build these efforts. Light refreshments and children's activities will be provided.

**What is a Local Foods Resource Hub?** Local food resource hubs are partnerships of individuals, organizations, and businesses that support residents to grow their own produce, helping ensure access to healthy food. The resource hubs concept began in Detroit and has spread across the nation. The organization Gardening Matters helped establish three local foods resource hubs in Minneapolis in 2011 (learn more at <http://www.gardeningmatters.org/hubs>). HMC's Local Foods Working Group recently decided to partner with Gardening Matters to establish a Hamline Midway hub - the first in Saint Paul! If you are interested in the new hub, but cannot attend the January 25 meeting, please contact Faith Krogstad at 651-494-7683 or [faith@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:faith@hamlinemidway.org).

**New Community Garden at Prior & Gilbert.** Union Park District Council is working with the City of Saint Paul to launch a new community garden that will be located at the NW corner of the intersection of Prior and Gilbert. This garden will be open to residents of the Hamline Midway neighborhood. Annie Johnson from Union Park will be on hand at the January 25 meeting to answer questions about the new community garden. If you would like more information, but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Annie at 651-645-6887 or [annie@unionparkdc.org](mailto:annie@unionparkdc.org).

**Potential Community Garden in Hamline Midway.** HMC is exploring the possibility of launching a new community garden in the Hamline Midway neighborhood, west of Snelling Avenue. The most promising site is a vacant parcel just north of Taylor between Howell and Tatum. HMC Executive Director Michael Jon Olson will be on hand at the January 25 meeting to explain the process for forming a community garden. If you are interested in this effort but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Michael Jon Olson at 651-494-7682 or [michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org).



## Hamline Midway Development Committee Meeting

HMC has formed the Hamline Midway Development Committee to build a strong local economy; improve infrastructure, amenities, and services in the Hamline Midway neighborhood; and promote the neighborhood to potential developers. The committee will also work with HMC staff to review land use applications (for licenses, variances, conditional use permits, re-zonings, etc.). The next meeting of the committee is **6:30-8:00pm, Thursday, January 12** at the Hamline Midway Library. For more information, please contact Michael Jon Olson at 651-494-7682 or [michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org).



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## January & February at Hamline Midway Library

All events listed below are at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue (just east of Snelling). For more information about any of these events, contact the library at 651-642-0293.

**Cover Letter & Resume Writing Assistance!** Career Solutions, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to providing help to people in career transitions, will be at the library **1:00 - 3:00pm on Wednesday, January 25 & Wednesday, February 8** to provide drop-in cover letter and resume writing assistance.

**Paw Pals.** Does your child love dogs? Paw Pals will be at the library **1:30 - 3:30pm, Saturday, January 21**. Call the library to register your child for an opportunity to build reading skills while reading with a therapy dog. Open to ages 6-12.

**Hamline Midway Library Association.** HMLA is a group of library lovers working to build community and support the Hamline Midway Library through advocacy, volunteering, and fundraising. The next meeting is **6:15pm, Monday, January 23**.

**Free Yoga Class.** Join Colleen Dooley, CMT-RYI for a yoga at 11:00am every Tuesday. Beginners are welcome. No registration required.



## Seed Swap, Winter Sowing, & Film Screening

Beat the winter blues and get inspired for a new growing season! Join your neighbors on **Wednesday, February 22** at the Hamline Midway Library for a seed exchange, winter sowing demonstration, and screening of the film "Taking Root." Come to all or part of the evening!

**5:30-6:15pm: Seed Exchange & Winter Sowing Demonstration.** Bring your seed collection and catalogs to share. Learn how to plant seeds in the winter (winter sowing).

**6:15-7:45pm: Film Screening.** *TAKING ROOT: The Vision of Wangari Maathai*, tells the story of Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai, whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy. Learn more about the film at: <http://takingrootfilm.com>.

This free event is brought to you by the Hamline Midway Environmental Group ([www.HMEG.org](http://www.HMEG.org)), the University of Minnesota Master Gardeners, and the Hamline Midway Local Food Resource Hub.



## Volunteer Coordinator Needed for Snelling Planters

The Hamline Midway Environmental Group (HMEG) is looking for someone to help coordinate care of the Snelling Avenue planters. Each year, Hamline University generously donates beautiful flowers for the planters, which are planted and cared for by neighborhood residents and business owners. For more information, please contact Michael Jon at [michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org) or 651-494-7682.

## FREE Placemaking Workshop for Creative Folk

If you consider yourself to be a musician, dancer, performance artist, writer, poet, culinary artist, visual artist, or other creative type, you are invited to use your talents to transform your neighborhood through innovative placemaking!

Placemaking is the act of animating overlooked and undervalued public and shared spaces, making them into welcoming places where a community gathers and thrives.

Creative folk who live, work, or have a personal investment in any of the neighborhoods along the Central Corridor LRT line may attend one of several FREE trainings on collaborative and creative placemaking.

Participants who complete the training will be eligible to apply for placemaking project support (up to \$1,000 per person) through a simple application process.

Workshops are 8:30am - 5:00pm on:  
**Saturday, January 7 - FULL**  
**Saturday, February 11**  
**Saturday, March 3**

**Registration is required!**  
**Register at:**  
<http://tinyurl.com/PMworkshops>

Spread the word!

For more information, contact Peter Haakon Thompson, Project Coordinator, at 651-789-0679 or [peter@springboardforthearts.org](mailto:peter@springboardforthearts.org).

