

Notes From Hamline Midway Elders:

Hamline Midway Elders (HME) provides supportive services for seniors living in the Hamline Midway neighborhood. 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 at Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Avenue. Call Hamline Midway Elders at 651-209-6542 to make reservations or request free transportation. You can come for the presentation only; a free-will donation is requested for the meal.

Upcoming luncheons:

11:30am, March 8:
“Seven Myths about Lyme Disease: What You Need to Know.”
(presentation starts at 12:15)

11:30am, April 12:
“Teaching Others about Food Growing, Storage, and Usage.”
(presentation starts at 12:15)



NEW! Healthy Eating for Successful Living: **6:30pm, Thursdays, April 14 - May 19.** Learn about nutrition and how to change your eating habits, all in an interesting, relaxed setting.



Empty Bowls at Hancock Recreation Center - April 7

All are invited to an Empty Bowls event, **11:00am-7:00pm, Thursday, April 7** at Hancock Recreation Center (1610 Hubbard Avenue). Empty Bowls is an international movement for food justice that raises funds for local food shelves and educates people about hunger in the community. At the event people give a freewill donation for a community meal of a bowl of soup. The bowl, soup, and bread are donated. People take home an empty bowl to remind them to do something about hunger. To volunteer or for more information, call Sharon Jaffe at 651-523-2483.



Join Midway Independent Businesses!

Midway Independent Businesses (M.I.B.) meets **10:00 - 11:00am on the first Monday of every month** at the Hamline Park Building (1564 Lafond Ave; SE corner of Snelling & Lafond). Our goal is to create a strong presence in the Midway neighborhood and develop our businesses to the next level. All who live or work in the Midway as sole proprietors are invited. Contact Nancy at nucc50@gmail.com if you have questions or ideas!



Bike Safety Fair @ Hancock Rec Center: June 11

Mark your calendars for a Bike Safety Fair, **10:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, June 11** at Hancock Recreation Center (1610 Hubbard Avenue). The Hamline Midway Environment Group, local biking groups, and Hancock Recreation are teaming to offer a bike safety obstacle course, bike safety checks, minor repairs for kids bikes, and more! Watch for more information closer to the date.



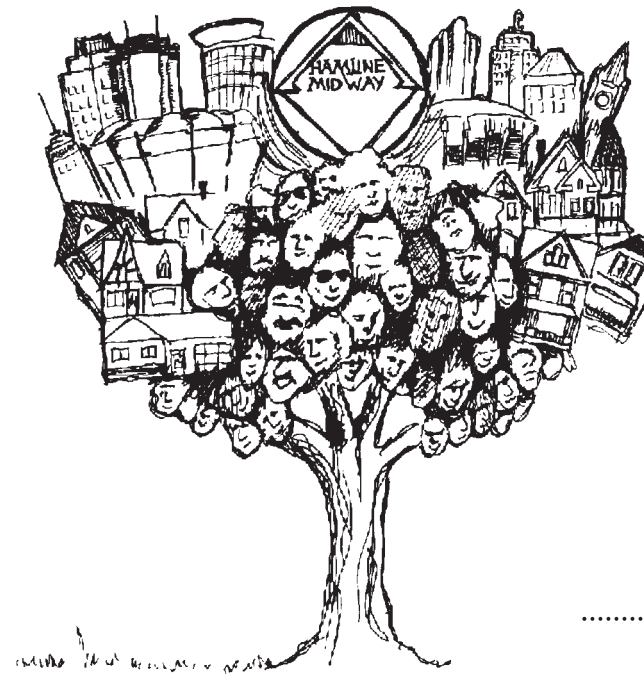
Part-Time, Flexible Childcare at Kids Park

Do you need part time, flexible childcare that accommodates your dynamic schedule? Enter Kids Park: convenient hourly childcare in St Paul. Between 9am and 3pm your child can enjoy interacting with peers in a licensed, stimulating, and safe environment. Kids Park is centrally located off I-94 and Cretin, in Desnoyer Park, and has been serving local families for over 20 years. Two separate rooms accommodate children from 6 weeks up to 5 years old. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 651-603-0144.



Last Chance for Home Energy Squad Visit

Home Energy Squads have helped over 150 residents in the Hamline Midway neighborhood save money on their energy bills. You still have time to get the discounted rate of \$30 for a Home Energy Squad visit (and up to \$650 in rebates for home energy improvements) by attending a workshop on March 12, 22, or 31, or the Home Energy FunFest scheduled for Saturday, April 9 from 12-4pm. For more information, visit: www.hamlinemidway.org/home-energy or contact Neighborhood Energy Connection at 651-328-6220. These are the final workshops, so don't delay!



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HMC Prepares for Spring Festival 2011!

The Hamline Midway Spring Festival is a free, all-day event in St. Paul's Newell Park sponsored by the Hamline Midway Coalition. This year's festival will take place **12:00noon to 8:00pm, Saturday, June 4**. The festival will showcase local bands, theater performances, visual arts, food vendors, civic engagement opportunities, and resources for residents. Don't miss it! RSVP to the event on HMC's Facebook page.

Call for Acts & Ideas: Spoken word, dance, rap, jazz, visual arts, you name it - we want it at the 2011 Hamline Midway Spring Festival! The Hamline Midway Coalition's Community Building Committee is hoping that this year's Spring Festival will include a broad array of music, performing art, and other acts and attractions. If you have an act or ideas about the festival, or you are interested in participating, please contact Faith at faith@hamlinemidway.org or 651-646-1986.

Enter the Logo Contest: Hamline Midway Coalition is currently accepting submissions for the Spring Festival Logo Contest. Submissions are due by 5:00pm, Monday, April 11. For details, visit: www.hamlinemidway.org/logo-contest or contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.

Contribute to the Spring Festival: There are many ways to contribute to the festival. You can sponsor a stage, donate a silent auction item, make a financial contribution, or contribute your time and expertise as a volunteer. For more information, contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.

Run for the Board of Directors: Four seats on the HMC Board of Directors will be up for election at the Spring Festival. If you are interested in running for a seat, please contact Michael Jon at michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org or 651-646-1986.



Join the HMC Local Foods Work Group!

HMC is launching a Local Foods Working Group that will explore options for creating a stronger local food system in Hamline Midway, develop and implement local foods projects in partnership with other groups (including the Hamline Midway Environment Group), and recommend action on local foods policy issues to the HMC Board of Directors.

An information meeting about the new working group will be held **6:30-8:00pm, Wednesday, April 27** at the Hamline Park Building, 1564 Lafond Avenue (SE corner of Snelling & Lafond).

To RSVP for the meeting - or if you are interested in serving on the Local Foods Working Group but cannot make the meeting - please contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.





Neighborhood News

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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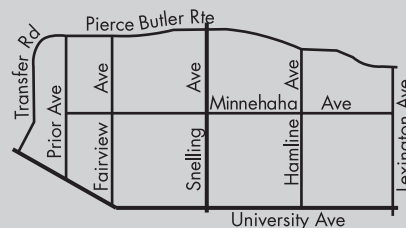
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THE HAMLINE MIDWAY NEIGHBORHOOD:



The New Normal & Neighborhoods

"How can we promote economic vitality and livability in our neighborhoods?" The Twin Cities Daily Planet wants to hear your thoughts on this important question. Join the conversation on The New Normal & Neighborhoods, **6:30-8:30pm, Tuesday, March 22** at the Hamline Park Building (1564 Lafond Avenue). Refreshments provided. RSVP to Faith Krogstad at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.



March/April Events at Hamline Midway Library

All events at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 Minnehaha Avenue West (near SE corner of Snelling & M'haha). For more information, call 651-642-0293.

Teen Movie Matinee: 2:00pm, Monday, March 21. Enjoy the Twilight saga film "Eclipse," with snacks and prizes!

Poetry Reading by Kathryn Kysar: 7:00- 8:00pm, Monday, April 4. Kysar, who grew up in Hamline Midway, debuts her new poetry collection, *Pretend the World*. Midway musician Sean Egan will accompany on jazz clarinet. Free. Refreshments served. Books and CDs available for purchase.

Earth Day Movie Matinee: 2:00pm, Friday, April 22. Celebrate Earth Day with a screening of the film "EARTH."



History Corps Monthly Sharing Meetings

Join the Hamline Midway History Corps for an informal Sharing Meeting at **2:00pm on the third Saturday each month (March 19 and April 16)** at Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 Snelling Avenue N. (at Minnehaha). Bring an artifact or story, a question, or simply your enthusiasm for local history. History Corps members are available for questions about your family history/genealogy. Visit the History Corps Web site at www.HamlineMidwayHistory.org or for email announcements, send a request to updates@HamlineMidwayHistory.org.



The 7th Annual Community Garden Resource Fair

Get connected to the people, resources, and information you need to make the 2011 growing season a great one! The 7th Annual Community Garden Spring Resource Fair will be held **9:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday, April 2** at Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th Street in Minneapolis. For more information, visit: www.gardeningmatters.org or call Gardening Matters at 612-821-2358.



Join MOMS Club of Midway/Como-East!

The MOMS Club of Midway/Como-East is a local chapter of an international nonprofit support group for stay-at-home mothers and their children. We offer daytime activities and support for mothers who are at home with their children. For more information, please contact: momsclubmce@yahoo.com.

Neighborhood News

Get a Free Rain Garden!

Residents whose streets will be repaved this summer through the Blair-Griggs RSVP Project (Hamline to Lexington; Minnehaha to Thomas) are eligible for free boulevard rain garden with joint support from the City of St. Paul and the Capitol Region Watershed District. A rain garden is a shallow, constructed depression to catch rainwater and allow it to infiltrate into the ground rather than run off into storm drains. To learn more, visit www.hamlinemidway.org/raingarden. If you live in the Blair-Griggs RSVP area and would like to sign up, contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 15.



Improve Your Alley: Volunteers are Ready to Help!

Is your alley a giant puddle or ice slick right now? Do you wish your alley were more attractive and inviting? Imagine your alley with raspberries and native plants, community art, fewer trucks, or permeable pavement to prevent ponding! HMC's Community Building Committee and the Hamline Midway Environment Group have volunteers interested in helping your block's ideas come to fruition. If you are interested in improving your alley, contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.



Neighborhood Child Care Co-op Has Openings

Midway Munchkins Child Care Co-op, a parent-run, low-cost child care alternative, was launched in the neighborhood on February 1. Parents create a loving atmosphere for children in a family setting, take turns providing care, and share rent and other responsibilities. Children ages 6 months and up receive care Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. Limited openings available. Apply online at: www.midwaymunchkins.com. For more information, email questions to: info@midwaymunchkins.com.



Midway Chevy Site Redevelopment Workshop

HMC and the City of Saint Paul invite you to participate in a workshop to identify goals for the redevelopment of 1433 University Avenue West (previously the Midway Chevy site): **6:30 - 9:00pm, Monday, March 14** at 1080 University Avenue West. Building on previous planning, this session will focus on this City-owned property, which will be redeveloped with affordable housing. For more information, contact Gretchen Nicholls at 651-265-2280 (contact by March 10 if you would like to request childcare).



Zion Lutheran Church Spring Craft & Bake Sale

All are invited to attend the Zion Lutheran Church Spring Craft & Bake Sale, **9:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20**. Local artisans are invited to sell their goods. The bake sale will raise funds for church repairs. Donations of baked goods gladly accepted! For more information, please contact Barbara Monk at 612-327-0207 or carrot022699@yahoo.com.

HMC Introduces: "Central Corridor Friendly Streets"

In May, 2010, the Saint Paul City Council adopted the Bike Walk Central Corridor Action Plan, which includes a bike boulevard on Charles Avenue from Prior Avenue to Mackubin Street as one of its key priorities.

In response, HMC and Frogtown Neighborhood Association jointly formed the Central Corridor Friendly Streets Initiative to address the design and use of Edmund, Charles, and Sherburne Avenues between Aldine Street (on the west) and Rice Street (on the east). These streets will soon see significant changes in travel behavior and traffic patterns due to the construction and ensuing operation of the LRT line on University.

Starting in June, the Friendly Streets initiative will host a series of block parties along Charles to introduce residents to the bike boulevard concept and other techniques to make streets more "friendly" (i.e. attractive, safe, and accessible for multiple modes and all users), including place-making, public art, and traffic calming techniques.

Residents will be invited enjoy some food, share how they currently view and use their streets, and learn about tools and techniques to make streets more "friendly."

For more information, contact Michael Jon at 651-646-1986 or michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org

