

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 may come for the presentation only; a free-will donation is requested for the meal.

Upcoming luncheons:

11:30am, June 14: "Safe Medication Use."
(presentation starts at 12:15)

11:30am, July 12: "Computer Basics"
(presentation starts at 12:15)



FREE Joint Friendly Exercise Classes are now being held **2:00 - 3:00pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays** through June 2 at Hamline Methodist Church (1514 Englewood Avenue). Participants may join the group at any time. Instructors have been trained by MN Arthritis Foundation. Participants work at their own level.

Hamline Midway Spring Festival

**12:00noon - 8:00pm, Saturday, June 4
Newell Park**

(see page 1 for more information)

STAGE 1

(all times approximate)

- 12:00 Roe Family Singers
- 1:00 Center for Irish Music & O'Shea Irish Dance
- 2:00 Adam Levy & the Bunny Clogs
- 3:00 The Bitter Spills
- 4:00 Martin DeVaney
- 4:30 HMC board candidate speeches
- 5:00 Mayda
- 6:00 John Ewing
- 7:00 LOUDRAY

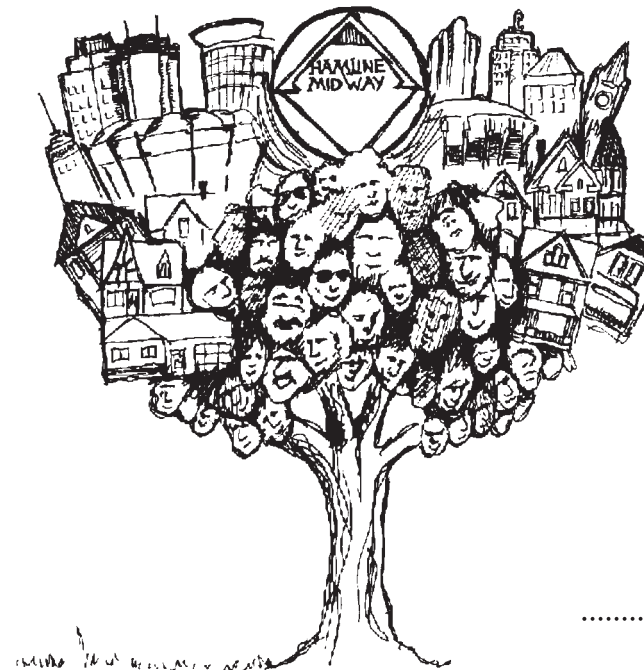
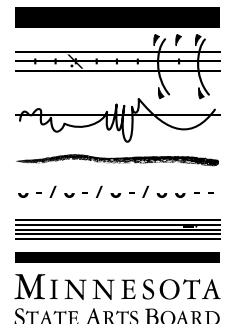
STAGE 2

(all times approximate)

- 12:00 Pocahontas County
- 12:50 Denise Armstead (DA Dance)
- 1:20 Leslye Orr (Dreamland Arts)
- 2:00 Midway Frogtown Arborators
- 3:00 Dancers Studio
- 3:40 The Canvas Teen Arts Center
- 4:30 Moronic State
- 5:20 Pop Wagner

Acknowledgements

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HMC Board Elections - Saturday, June 4

Voting: Anyone age 16 and older who resides within, owns property within, or owns a business that is headquartered and principally operates within the boundaries of Hamline Midway, is eligible to vote. To obtain a ballot, voting members must sign in at the HMC table at the Spring Festival. Ballots must be returned by 6:00pm that day.

Open Seats: Elections will be held for 4 seats, one in each of three neighborhood subdistricts and one at-large seat.

To Run: If you would like to run for the HMC Board of Directors, please request an application by calling HMC at 651-646-1986. Applications must be completed and returned to HMC no later than **5:00pm, Thursday, June 2.**

For more information, contact Michael Jon at 651-646-1986.



Hamline Midway Coalition invites you to the
Hamline Midway Spring Festival
12:00noon - 8:00pm, Saturday, June 4
Newell Park
(Fairview Ave. & Pierce Butler Route)

Entertainment! Live music and dance on 2 stages (see back page for approximate showtimes), arts & crafts, Leonardo's Basement, Chicks on Sticks, Dr. Lam's Thai Chi, kite making with Marni Oberpriller, yoga with Midway Movement Arts, storytime with Mighty Midway Storytellers, visits from the Saint Paul Police and Fire Departments, and more!

Local Groups! Local groups and organizations will be on-hand to provide information about their activities and services.

Silent Action! Bid on items donated by local residents and businesses. *The silent auction is an excellent opportunity to promote a local business. If you would like to donate an item please contact Faith at 651-646-1986.*

Board Election! Elect members to the Hamline Midway Coalition Board of Directors - your community voice on public policy issues! See sidebar for additional information.

FREE. Family-Friendly. Rain or Shine.
Suggested donation: \$5/person, \$10/family. Food available for purchase.
LIMITED PARKING - PLEASE WALK OR BIKE IF YOU CAN



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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

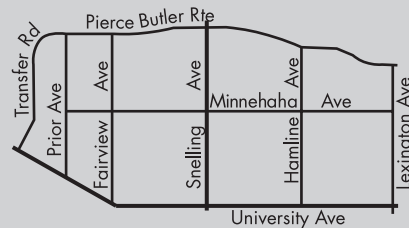
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THE HAMLINE MIDWAY NEIGHBORHOOD:



Friendly Streets Initiative: Block Parties & Call for Artists

Background

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, Hamline Midway Coalition and Frogtown Neighborhood Association jointly formed the Central Corridor Friendly Streets Initiative to address, in a comprehensive way, 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.

Block Parties

This summer the Friendly Streets initiative will host a series of 6 block parties along Charles in the Hamline Midway and Frogtown neighborhoods to introduce residents to various techniques available 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. Input gathered at these block parties will be used to guide future design of streets in the project area.

The first block party will be **3:30 - 7:30pm, Friday, July 8** on Charles Avenue between Syndicate and Griggs. The target audience for this block party will be Hamline Midway residents who live on Sherburne, Charles, and Edmund between Hamline and Lexington.

The second block party will be **3:30 - 7:30pm, Friday, July 22** on Charles Avenue between Pascal and Albert. The target audience for this party are Hamline Midway residents who live on Sherburne, Charles, and Edmund between Aldine and Hamline.

Interested Hamline Midway residents are invited to attend either block party. The second block party will serve as a rain date for the first. For more information, contact Michael Jon at 651-646-1986 or michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org

Call for Placemaking Artists

The Friendly Streets Initiative is seeking a few good artists or other creative folk to implement fun, innovative placemaking activities at the Friendly Streets block parties this summer. Springboard for the Arts will provide free training for artists and other creative folk to learn about placemaking, public art, and community-based art projects. Attendance at workshops on June 4, 14, 28 and July 12, and participation in two of the 6 block parties, is required. Each artist will receive a \$400 stipend.

This is an excellent opportunity to have an impact on your neighborhood and learn new ways to use your creative talents. Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is 5:00pm, Monday May 23. For a full description and application, visit: <http://bit.ly/iN39A1>. For more information, contact Jun-Li Wang, Artist Community Organizer, Springboard for the Arts, at 651-789-0679 or jun-li@springboardforthearts.org.

Neighborhood News

Bike Safety Rodeo: Saturday, June 11

Kids can practice their cycling skills at a bike safety rodeo, **10:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, June 11**, at Hancock Recreation Center, 1610 Hubbard Avenue. \$5 per participant covers the rodeo, a bicycle safety check & tune-up, and a helmet for participants who need one. This event is co-sponsored by the Hamline Midway Environmental Group and Hancock Recreation Center. For more information or to pre-register, contact Hancock Recreation Center at 651-298-4393.



Block Club Initiators Workshop & Dinner: June 29

Residents interested in starting a block club are invited to attend the Block Club Initiators Workshop & Dinner, **6:00 - 8:00pm, Wednesday, June 29** at the Hamline Park Building (1564 Lafond Avenue; SE corner of Snelling & Lafond). In addition to a brief orientation, this event will bring together new and veteran block club leaders to share tips and best practices for connecting with your neighbors to build a strong and healthy community. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.



Urban Birding Festival: May 12-15

The Urban Birding Festival, a free and fun celebration of birds and springtime, including 19 nature walks around the metro, will take place May 12-15. A day-long Bird Expo on May 14 at Springbrook Nature Center in Fridley features bird exhibits, bird-banding demos and a lunchtime talk by Jan Dunlop, author of birder murder mysteries. The festival is designed for everyone. Families with kids are welcome and no previous experience is required. Just show up for any event. For a full schedule and maps to sites, visit: www.urbanbirdingfestival.org.



Hamline Midway Library Cabaret: Saturday, May 21

Children and adults are invited to share a talent on the Hamline Midway Library stage (lower level meeting room), **1:00 - 2:30pm, Saturday, May 21** (the library is at the SE corner of Snelling and Minnehaha). Sign up for a five-minute slot. All types of performances welcome: sing, play an instrument, recite a poem, tell or read a story, or buzz on a kazoo. Refreshments served. Prizes awarded by a crack panel of judges. Entrance fee is one thin quarter. Donations welcome. All proceeds benefit the Hamline Midway Library Association.



KidsPark Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 14

All are invited to the KidsPark 2nd annual rummage sale, **7:00am - 4:00pm, Saturday, May 14** at Desnoyer Park. All proceeds benefit KidsPark, a licensed drop-in, hourly child care facility for infants and preschoolers in the Twin Cities. KidsPark provides a safe, nurturing, developmentally appropriate education and play environment. For more information, visit: www.kidsparkedropin.org.

HMC Local Foods Working Group to Start on June 2

Anyone interested in local foods issues is invited to attend the inaugural meeting of the HMC Local Foods Working Group, **6:30 - 8:00pm, Thursday, June 2** at the Hamline Park Building (1564 Lafond Avenue; SE corner of Snelling & Lafond).

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

Ten Hamline Midway residents attended a preliminary information meeting about the new working group on April 27. The group brainstormed possible projects in 5 areas: Food Access, Urban Agriculture, Food Literacy, Food Infrastructure, and Economic Development (as it relates to local food).

Some possible local food projects include: a community kitchen, a market for local growers, a seed bank, classes on food production and preservation, promoting boulevard food gardens, and attracting a restaurant with a local foods orientation.

For more information, or if you are interested in serving on the Local Foods Working Group but cannot attend the June 2 meeting, please contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.

