

Neighborhood News

Fall Volunteer Opportunities

Neighborhood Cleanup. HMC is looking for volunteers to help with the annual Cleanup, which will be held **8:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, September 24** at the State Fairgrounds in the Camel Parking Lot. Shifts are 7:30-11:00am and 10:30am-2:00pm. We also need a **SPECIAL VOLUNTEER** to take a load of waste from the Hamline Park Building to the Cleanup. As always, we'll have food available and all volunteers can bring a load of waste to the event for FREE. If you are interested in please contact Michael Jon at michaelfjon@hamlinemidway.org or 651-646-1986 and indicate which shift you would like to work.

Green Alley Work Day. The HMC Community Building Committee and the Hamline Midway Environment Group are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning, weeding, planting, and mulching, on the Green Alley Work Day, **9:00am-1:00pm, Saturday, September 24**. For more information, contact Faith at 651-646-1986 or faith@hamlinemidway.org.

Snelling Planters Clean-Up. Please join us at **10:00am, Saturday, October 8** at Hamline Park to clean out the Snelling Avenue planters for the season. Wagons, wheelbarrows, tools, lawn bags, and drivers are most welcome. **Rain date is 1:00pm, Sunday, October 9**. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Michelle: mflseich@gmail.com or 651-645-8511.

Smelling Planters Stewards. The Hamline Midway Environmental Group (HMEG) is looking for new stewards for the Snelling Avenue planters and someone to help coordinate the planter project. Each year, Hamline University generously donates beautiful flowers for the planters, which are planted and cared for by neighborhood residents and business owners. Many veteran volunteers have moved on to other projects and new volunteers are needed. All help is welcome! This is a great service project for kids and organizations! For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Michelle: mflseich@gmail.com or 651-645-8511.

HMC Committees & Working Group. Hamline Midway Coalition is always welcomes new members for its standing committees and working groups: Land Use Committee, Transportation Committee, Community Building Committee, and the Local Foods Working Group. For more information, contact Michael Jon at michaelfjon@hamlinemidway.org or 651-646-1986.



City Offers Deferred Home Improvement Loans

The City of Saint Paul is offering owner occupied deferred home improvement loans to homeowners who live in the Hamline Midway neighborhood. The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 and is interest-free, due at the time of sale or when the owner no longer occupies the property as their primary residence. For more information, contact Tehu Yajh at 651-266-6592 or tehu.yajh@ci.stipaul.mn.us or visit the website: <http://1.usa.gov/rehabloan>.



Eureka! Recycling Starts Pizza Box Collection

Beginning this September, takeout and delivery pizza boxes will be collected as part of Eureka! Recycling's curb-side program in Saint Paul. For more information, call Eureka's Zero-Waste Hotline at 651-222-7678.

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 Lunches: Hamline Midway Elders holds lunches 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, September 13: "Bladder Fitness After 50" by Jean Wyman, MN School of Nursing & Director of MN Continence Associates. (presentation at 12:15)

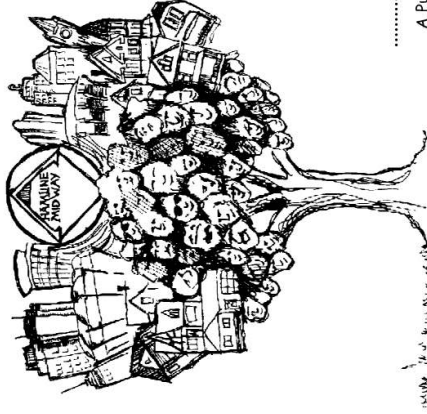
11:30am, October 11: "The Basics of Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's," (presentation at 12:15)



FREE blood pressure and nurse consultation clinics for persons age 55+ **12:00noon - 12:30pm on 9/13 & 10/11.**



FREE 8-week series of joint-friendly exercise classes will begin on Tuesday, 9/27 and run on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 11/17.



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Hundreds Attend Friendly Streets Block Parties



Above: Lars Christensen, a member of the Friendly Streets Initiative leadership team talks to a Charles Avenue resident about street design concepts.

This summer over 700 people attended the Friendly Streets Block Parties presented by Hamline Midway Coalition and the Frogtown Neighborhood Association. The five block parties, held in July and August at various spots along Charles Avenue, introduced residents to a variety of techniques to make streets more attractive and safe.

Block party attendees cast over 1700 "votes" on a series of 24 images of street design concepts, expressing their like, dislike, or ambivalence about traffic circles, bumpouts, speed bumps, bike boulevard striping and signage, alternative signalization, public art, and more. Additionally, over 200 people completed a detailed survey about street use, design concepts, and related ideas. Input gathered at the block parties will be used to guide the future design of Sherburne, Charles, and Edmund between Rice Street on the East and Aldine on the West.

For more information about the Friendly Streets Initiative, contact Michael Jon Olson at michaelfjon@hamlinemidway.org or 651-646-1986.

HMC has Left the Building!

Hamline Midway Coalition has departed from its long-time home at the Hamline Park Building and is now located in the lower level of the Hamline Midway Library at 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue, just east of Snelling.

We hope that this new location will be more convenient. Please stop by and see us!

All HMC board, committee, and working group meetings will now be held at the library.

Over the next several months, HMC will be working with the City of Saint Paul to find a new use for the Hamline Park Building.

This process will begin with a **Community Meeting on the Future of the Hamline Park Building: 7:00pm, Monday, October 10** at the Hamline Midway Library.

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



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Local Foods Resources

HMC Local Foods Working Group. The HMC Local Foods Working Group is looking for people interested in working on a variety of local foods initiatives. The next meeting is **7:00pm, Monday, September 19** at the Hamline Midway Library. For more information, contact Faith at faith@hamlinemidway.org.

Yards to Gardens. Yards to Gardens (www.y2g.org) is a web-based organization that connects people who want to see local spaces used for gardening and food production. Yards to Gardens hosts an interactive online map where community members can post what they need and what they have to offer: seedlings, tools, gardening space, etc. Whatever your situation, Yards to Gardens is a free, easy-to-use, tool. Visit the website to browse the map, check listings, and add your own.

Fruits of the City. If you have a fruit tree that is providing more bounty than you can use, or if you simply want help harvesting your fruit, Fruits of the City will connect you with volunteers who can come to your house to harvest and bring extra fruit to local food shelves. If you would like to donate your fruit or volunteer, visit: <http://www.mnproject.org/food-FruitsOfTheCity.html> or email fruits@mnproject.org.

Hamline-Thomas Community Garden - Locally Grown Potluck! Join your neighbors, help tend the garden, and bring a dish to with locally grown ingredients to share. **1:00 - 3:00pm, Sunday, September 18** at the NE corner of Hamline and Thomas Avenues. Please bring gardening gloves if you would like to help. For more information, contact Emmy Vadnais at ekvadnais@hotmail.com.



Community Information Resources

New Neighborhood Discussion List! The Hamline Midway Neighbors Forum is a place to share announcements and discuss community issues specific to the Hamline Midway neighborhood. The Hamline Midway Neighbors Forum is supported by, but independent from, Hamline Midway Coalition. Sign up today at <http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/spaul-hm>.

Ward 4 Newsletter. Ward 4 Councilmember Russ Stark issues an informative e-newsletter for constituents each month. To sign up, just send an e-mail to Samantha.Henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us with the subject line: Sign Me Up for Ward 4 News!

City Notices. Sign up to receive notices from the City of Saint Paul including agendas and minutes for the City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other City government decision-making bodies. To sign up, go to: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/STPAUL/subscriber/new>. Simply enter your e-mail address and you will be sent an e-mail where you can indicate which notices you would like to receive.

Western District Community Meeting. The St. Paul Police Department invites community members to participate in monthly discussions about crime and crime prevention in the Western District on the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am and 6:30pm** at the Western District headquarters, 389 North Hamline Avenue.



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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HMC is now on Facebook - become a fan today!

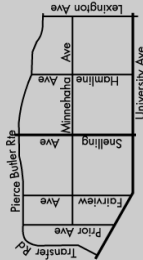
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Fall Events at Hamline Midway Library

All events listed below will be held at the Hamline Midway Library, 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue (just east of Snelling).

Neighborhood Voices Reading Series! Join us **6:30 - 8:00pm, Wednesday, September 14** for the kick-off of the 3rd annual Neighborhood Voices readings series with spoken-word artists from the Canvas Teen Arts Center. Part poetry, part theater, part stand-up comedy, part oratory, and part hip-hop, spoken-word is one of the most dynamic, engaging performance arts around. Come check out work by two-time National Poetry Slam Champion and critically-acclaimed hip-hop artist Guante, along with artists from the Canvas. The event is free and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Carrie at carriepoetry@tcq.net.

Hamline Midway Library Association. The 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, September 26**.

Library Love Festival! The Hamline Midway Library Association's 3rd annual Library Love Festival will be held **11:00am - 3:00pm, Saturday, October 1**. Join us for a used book sale, family-friendly games, live music, crafts with the Saturday Club, storytime with the Mighty Midway Storytellers, great food, and more! Community organizations and small businesses interested in having a table at the event should contact Amy at aksireland@yahoo.com. For other information, contact Carrie at carriepoetry@tcq.net or Julie at gebbsgreen@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Voices - 2nd Reading. The Neighborhood Voices reading series continues **6:30 - 8:00pm, Wednesday, October 12** with a reading to celebrate the publication of poet Cary Waterman's latest, *Book of Fire*. Waterman will be joined by St. Paul poet Greg Watson, author of seven books of poetry including *What Music Remains*, and musical guest Sean Egan. The event is free, and refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Carrie at carriepoetry@tcq.net.

Storyteller Open House. The Mighty Midway Storytellers will host a storytellers open house **1:30 - 3:00pm, Saturday, October 15** for anyone interested in leading children's storytimes. Drop in at any time to meet other members of the group and learn how you can get involved. Mighty Midway Storytellers is a low-stress, fun way to interact with kids. We lead once-a-month themed story times for children at the Hamline Midway Library that includes an interactive element. Story time is the first Saturday of the month at 11:15am. For more information, contact Jean Thilmany at thilmany@gmail.com or 651-771-8421.

Kids Book Club. The Kids Book Club will meet at **1:00pm on Saturday, September 17 and Saturday, October 8**. Lively discussions, fun activities, and delicious treats! Open to readers ages 8-12. New members welcome!

Teen Book Club. The Teen Book Club will meet at **2:00pm on Saturday, September 17 and Saturday, October 8**. Lively discussions, fun activities, and delicious treats! New members welcome!

Toddler & Preschool Storytimes. Toddler and preschool storytimes are held at **10:30am, every Friday!** Share the joy of reading with your child!

Ward 4 Cleanup! 8:00am - 1:00pm Saturday, September 24

The 2011 Ward 4 Neighborhood Cleanup will take place **8:00am - 1:00pm, Saturday, September 24** at the north end of the State Fair Grounds in the Camel Lot. Enter from Lauperter.

All households will receive a notice in the mail about the cleanup with information about gate fees, additional fees, materials collected, etc. If you do not receive your notice by **September 15**, please contact Michael Jon at 651-646-1986 or michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org as soon as possible.

Volunteers Needed. Two shifts of volunteers are needed for this event: **7:30-11:00am** and **10:30am-2:00pm**. We also need a **SPECIAL VOLUNTEER** to take a load of waste from the Hamline Park Building to the Cleanup. As always, we'll have food available and all volunteers can bring a load of waste to the event for FREE. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michael Jon at 651-646-1986 or michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org and indicate which shift you would like to work.



To submit a notice for the Hamline Midway Neighborhood News, send an e-mail to Michael Jon Olson at michaeljon@hamlinemidway.org. The deadline for the November/December issue is **October 24**.

Submissions should be limited to one paragraph and must be relevant to members of the Hamline Midway community.