

Heritage Herald

Heritage Hill Association 50th Anniversary - 1968-2018

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The Newsletter of Heritage Hill

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The Changing Face of Heritage Hill



50 College SE – Heritage Place’s doors are officially open to new residents. This began in 2015 with a neighbors’ visioning report that shaped the construction of 84 new residential units in 2018. Thanks to Orion Construction and all the neighbors who participated in making this transformation happen. Wayne Norlin aptly represented the Heritage Hill Association at the ribbon cutting ceremony.



54 Jefferson SE – GRPS Public Museum School –From the possibilities presented years ago by SiteLab’s ArtPrize entry (Tom Clinton- right) to the architect’s (Tedd Lott- left) transformation of the space ... applause filled the great hall with the culmination of the school’s opening. Heritage Hill is grateful that this building is alive again and an active gateway to our neighborhood. Thanks to many, many visionaries and players in concert with GRPS and the Public Museum who made this happen. And congratulations to the many students who can soar in this environment.

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The Heritage Hill Association

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Purpose:

The purpose of the Heritage Hill Association is to provide neighbors a way of collectively building a healthy, historically preserved community in which people can live and work in a secure and stable environment.

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The Heritage Hill Association provides information and encourages neighbor participation to keep Heritage Hill safe and vital. This community organizing engages neighbors to work on issues that arise. As an association of neighbors, we have a strong voice but we have no regulatory authority.

The GR Historic Preservation Commission regulates the City's Preservation Ordinance. Applications and approvals are needed from this city department before beginning any exterior work or repairs. Contact 456-3451 or rbaker@grcity.org.

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Hope you all had a great summer. We likely have many great fall days to still enjoy being outside so kick some leaves, pick some weeds at our neighborhood parks and say hi to your neighbors.

The school bells were ringing at the Public Museum High School for its premiere opening to eager 9th graders – the first class at 54 Jefferson SE. We welcome all students, teachers, staff and parents to Heritage Hill and celebrate the new life at this great building and gateway to our neighborhood. We very much thank GRPS for offering this amazing opportunity for learning within our school district. This is just one more of the many educational options within GRPS, several of which are right here in Heritage Hill. The K-12 Montessori program, Innovation Central and the Child Discovery Center are all walkable schools. When planning your family's education future, make sure you examine the numerous possibilities at Grand Rapids Public Schools. You will find one that works for your family. *Welcome back students.* And on a teary note, we are saddened by the announcement that GRPS superintendent Teresa Weatherall Neil is retiring after this school year. She has been a great leader and advocate for our schools and will be so missed. It is a different GRPS since she assumed the reins. Thank you Teresa for your leadership.

Add another sad goodbye – Bill Manns, President of Mercy Health Saint Mary's is leaving to anchor the Mercy Health Livingston County. It has been our pleasure getting to know and working with Bill over these past 5 years. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his work on the east side of the state. Livingston County is fortunate to be under his guidance.

Land use issues and land use culminations have abounded over the summer months. (See related article on page 1.) We send big thanks to all the many neighbors who have been engaged and have actively voiced what they want to see happen in their neighborhood. We are an Association of neighbors and take positions on all Heritage Hill land use requests. We are a respected voice but it takes all neighbors being involved to strengthen and validate that voice. Applause to all you activists.

I am going to miss our Community Organizer Tansy Harris so much. It has been my pleasure to get to know her, work side-by-side, and share organizing instincts with her. I hate saying goodbye to my friend and co-worker - So I'm going out to see her over the holidays. Ha.

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- Keeping a Crime Prevention program that keep you aware and safe.
- Working with the major institutions surrounding Heritage Hill to bridge the needs of our residents and our institutional neighbors. Our focus is to protect our neighborhood from development that could harm our residential quality. But our work also helps our institutions do their work efficiently and effectively in our community.
- Providing vital neighborhood information via our office, the e-alert network, the newsletter, HHA's website and Facebook that keep people connected and informed.
- Addressing land use and zoning issues and voicing positions based on plans and consensus to maintain our neighborhood's stability. The Housing NOW proposals were a critical issue in 2018.
- Addressing parking and traffic issues (as best we can with what we have!)
- Promoting neighborhood occupancy through apartment listings, our Weekend Tour of Homes, and community building events.
- Assisting tenants and property owners with rights and responsibilities.
- Using the *Master Plan of Heritage Hill* that guides development in our neighborhood. This *dog-eared* plan is used in every issue faced by the Association and by city departments as a reference guide in planning projects in our neighborhood.
- And more planning, the State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan, the 50 College SE neighbor visioning plan that brought us Heritage Place, Pleasant Park, the improved Central campus and the new Museum School on Jefferson - these all take engaged neighbors planning for the future. That's what the Association does ... Keeps us working together.



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523 Lyon NE – former Jellema House. This land use issue is 7 months into discussions. Currently the City’s Zoning Appeals Board has denied the proposed commercial office use on the first floor for this building that had been used as a rehab facility for several decades. It was built as a Deaconess residential school. The request for a 5-unit apartment building was approved by the GR Planning Commission on September 27.



New fun at **Pleasant Park** with the installation of the Ping-pong table.

The McGraw Tire building preserves a Wealthy Street street wall. The GR Planning Commission denied Mary Free Bed’s request for a surface parking lot. HHA opposed the demolition for the sole purpose of surface parking. A mixed use development is needed to promote a viable urban corridor.



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REMEMBER HERITAGE HILL PROPERTY OWNERS:

There is a City Preservation Ordinance that governs all exterior changes, repairs and/or additions to Heritage Hill properties. Call the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission at 456-3451 for information on approvals. You can access the application form at the City’s website, www.ci.grand-rapids.mi.us at the Planning Department section or at the Heritage Hill Association’s www.heritagehillweb.org. This ordinance applies to all exterior changes, repairs, and/or additions to your home and property. Items such as doors and windows including storms, yard structures, driveway and sidewalk approaches, and fences do need HPC approvals.



Step up to the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors – HHA Seeking 5 Board Candidates for Election at Annual Meeting



Per the Heritage Hill Association By-laws, five Board terms are open annually for election to the HHA Board. Board members are elected by the membership at the Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting on December 4, 2018. (*Save that date on your calendar*). The Board terms are for 3 years that begin on January 1, 2019 and end December 31, 2021.

The absolute deadline for submitting your candidacy is November 3, 2018. This slate will appear along with a brief statement from each candidate in the November/December *Herald*. (*The HHA Bylaws state that Board candidates need to submit their candidacy to the office 30 days before the annual meeting.*)

To serve, Board members must be residents of the Heritage Hill neighborhood or be paid non-resident members. It is very helpful to have been somewhat active in Association activities, committees or neighborhood block clubs, but this is not a requirement to serve on the Board. The duties of Association Board members include:



- Monthly Board Meetings - the third Wednesday of the month - approximately 2 hours long - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- Chairing or active participation on a HHA committee - monthly or quarterly meetings. Some committees such as Tour demand more of a time commitment.
- Attendance at HHA sponsored events - i.e. Tour, fund-raising and social events.
- Actively representing your neighbors to the Board.
- Actively representing the Board to your neighbors.

The Board wants and needs active leadership in the organization and representation from the entire neighborhood. *If that's not enough, there are treats at all meetings!* If you want to serve please call the Association office at 459-8950 or email to heritage@heritagehillweb.org.

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How to Say Good-Bye

By Tansy Harris, Community Organizer

How do you say goodbye to one of the largest and best collections of concentrated historic homes in the nation? What other neighborhood can you find everything from Greek Revival to Prairie style homes? 1,300 homes and structures make up our dense neighborhood and I could not even begin to pick a favorite. How can you choose when you can in a short block see Italianate, Chateausque, Colonial Revival all next to each other? Each home has a different display of carved woods and craftsmanship and even the hardware for door hinges brings awe. Every year I say to myself, "This year was the best!" only to be topped by the following year.

How do you say goodbye to residents who see and look out for one another. Residents who fought the bulldozers of the 1960's Urban Renewal, when 75% of the Hill was to be flattened. Residents who found ways to support families who wanted to own a home in the area even though banks would not lend to them due to redlining and racism. Residents who formed block clubs to organize their blocks from blight, crime and slumlords. Residents who organize dog walking so their neighbor can have a stream of visitors and can keep their fur friend forever. How do you say goodbye to residents who join together to create a park for all that once was a crumbling parking lot?

How do you say goodbye to your family neighborhood, rich with history and DNA. I know where my grandmother scraped her knee and where my great uncle used his pocket knife to pick out the rocks from her skin. I know the tree all the Harris kids used to climb down from their home to escape into the neighborhood. The window from where my other great uncle used bedding to conceal a gun out of the second story window (the Harris brood was well known for their antics on Windsor Terrance). I know the walk to high school and where my

grandmother lived in the Meyer May House when it had been chopped up into apartments (she hated it by the way, she had the addition and it was very dark). Another Great Aunt and Uncle were some of the first tenants at the Oakwood. And then there are all the various apartments I lived in since 2000 that I have called home throughout the hill. Heritage Hill is where I met my husband, who at the time rented a studio on Madison, the same block of my first apartment.

How do you say goodbye to a career you love? Where when Monday comes, you are excited to see what the day brings. How does one say goodbye to your mentor from whom you have learned so much from over the past few years? To an office that feels more like home than work? To staff that isn't just a coworker but



family and your best friend? To Board Members who always support you?

You don't say goodbye... you say "See you soon". These past four years working with you all has been such a pleasure and honor. Thank you.

The Heritage Hill Association publishes available apartments.
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The **National Night Out / Annual Picnic** was an awesome success! Fabulous partnership with South Hill for the 2nd year for this event. So many kids and everyone stayed in the rain and didn't seem to mind at all! We have such amazing neighbors.

Big thanks to Grand Rapids Public Schools, Cornerstone Church, Michigan Auto Law, Meijer, Inc., Spartan Nash and also our really amazing volunteers and board members with a super-special shout-out for Tony Davis (Grillmaster Extraordinaire), Jennifer Hankinson, Jenn Gavin, Delia Venema, Todd Hoort, Suzanne De Haan and Lisa Baars.

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weather. And what is about to fall... all the foliage that canopies

our neighborhood. What are your options for leaf collection?

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Yard Waste Bags. Not just any bag will do. They MUST be ones labeled for our City. Each year the City sends out bundles of bags to area stores, however many of the stores do not reorder. You can always get them at 300 Monroe. City Yard Waste Paper Bags are \$2.50 each or \$12.50 for a package of five. These also will be picked up on your normal trash day. Yard Waste will be collected until the 2nd Friday of December.

Bring your Yard Waste to the Drop Off Center at 2001 Butterworth SW, Monday – Saturday 9 am to 6 pm.

Be sure to bring ID. Yard Waste can be loose or in any type of paper bag. Plastic bags are not allowed.

What not to do:

Under **NO** circumstances should you ever rake or blow leaves into the street. **THIS IS ILLEGAL.** Sounds harsh? In our neighborhood it is imperative that this does not happen. If we have piles of leaves that get covered with snow, it



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makes it impossible to park on and it will be there until spring. This also causes issues with our catch basins. If our catch basins get clogged, we get flooding. And in the winter that also means ice buildup.

Seasonal Parking

With fall, we also have changing street parking rules. Seasonal Parking takes effect on November 1st until April 1st in Grand Rapids. That means you will have to pay close attention to street signs. Some roads go down to single-sided parking while others have the famous odd-even parking. Where signs are posted, the following odd-even parking rules will be in effect:
- On an even numbered day starting at 1 a.m., park on the even numbered side of the street until 6 p.m.
- On an odd numbered day starting at 1 a.m., park on the odd numbered start of the street until 6 p.m.

Dog Poop Etiquette

Over the years Heritage Hill has seen a surge in our furry, four-legged friends. A common complaint from residents is issues with people not picking up their dog's poop. But I know all of you reading this would never do that. Right? Good! While many things in life are rather polarized, one common ground we all share is the desire to not step in poop. And when we toss those turd bags into the trash, we also as good dog owners know that knotting the bag is necessary. I recently fielded a concerned neighbor that two

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individuals were picking up the dog jobs and tossing the unclosed bag into neighbors' stored garbage bins. Garbage bins are fair game when at the side of the road.

However, it does in fact become trespassing when going into someone's side yard to toss trash. And if you have to toss a turd bag, always remember to knot the bag.

No one wants rogue poops in their trash bins. Stoop, Scoop, Knot and Dispose.

Halloween Safety and Reminders

Halloween is often a favorite for our youngest residents. Let's make sure all our little ghouls and goblins are safe while having fun!

-Make sure to always cross at crosswalks and not between cars. Excitement happens when we see our friends or a super spooky house. But darting out into traffic or crossing between cars is unsafe. Older kids who trick-or-treat alone need a plan. Make sure you know where they are going and have a set time to be home or to meet up. But having a plan for little ones is a good idea too. It's easy to be distracted by all the fun and if you separate, know where to meet up with everyone.

-Make sure that all your pets have ID tags and are safe in your home. On a night when doors are opening often, it is fairly commonplace to have an increase of lost pet friends in our neighborhood. Some fur friends are scared of costumed humans and are spooked. Keeping our friends inside and with IDs just in case is the best practice.

-Be nice and be patient. A child who is grabbing more than one piece of candy might have poor fine motor skills. A child who takes a long time to pick a piece of candy might have poor motor planning skills. A child who might not say "trick-or-treat" or "thank you" might be non-verbal. A child who looks disappointed in the candy choices, might have an allergy. A child who isn't wearing a costume might feel more than others (sensory). Being nice and patient ensures all our little ghouls and goblins have a happy and safe holiday.

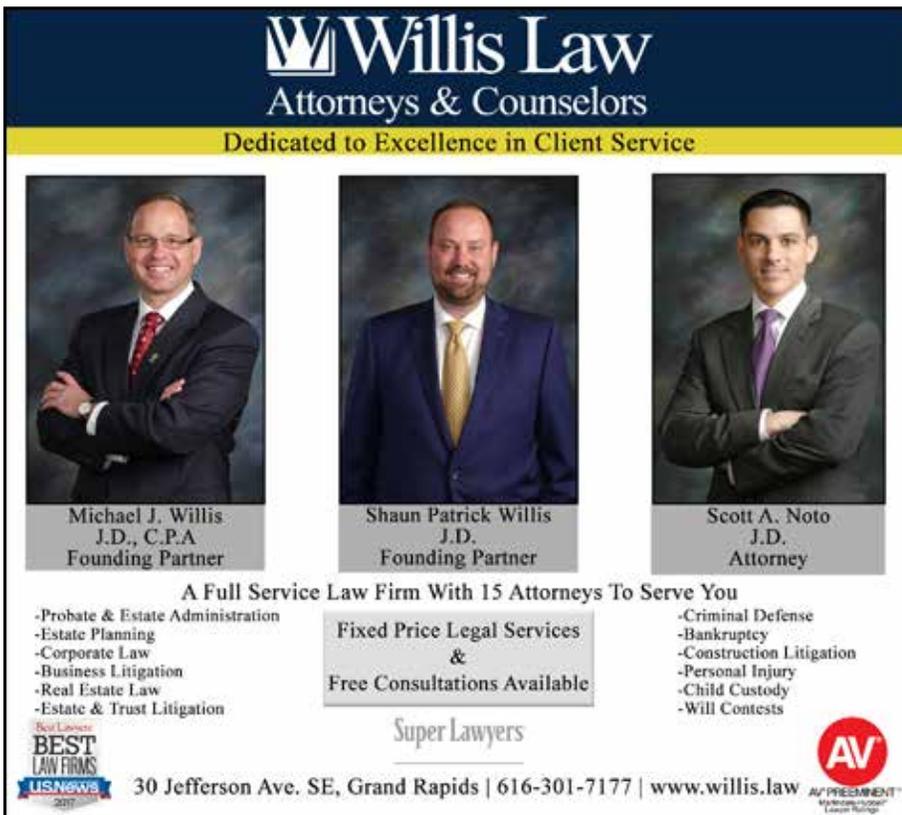


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from your shoulders with all of your projects completed, plus you will have a chance to present your home to many grateful visitors and help the Association.

Home Tour is the Association's biggest money-making event. The money keeps our Association working in many ways - Crime Prevention, community organizing, keeping neighbors informed, connected and working to resolve shared issues that keeps our neighborhood a great place to live, our Annual Holiday Potluck, the Summer Picnic and more. And that's another great reason to share your home.

Your home will be in great hands with Captains and volunteer guides. You will be given a lot of support too. You will have a visit a few months before the tour so you can provide us the information to write a script about your home. A traffic route will also be created.

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Please call, email the office if you have any questions with volunteering your home for Tour and/or any other help with Tour - Heritage@heritagehillweb.org, 616 459-8950. Thank You!



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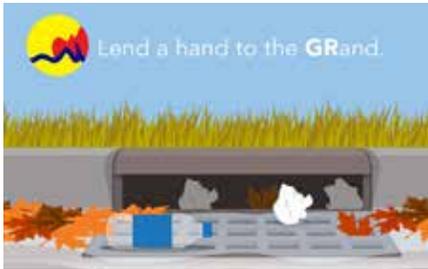
Heritage Hill E-alerts

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A better mouse trap?

A summer mice invasion at my house led me to a desperate attempt to try anything and everything to get rid of them. Peppermint oil was recommended by many and it sure seems to work. Your house will take on a bit of a Holiday smell but that's sweet compared to the destruction caused by mice. It's been 6 weeks now and there are no mice signs in my house. Prior to the peppermint treatment, mice damage was ever present – including eating a hole in my couch. Hear that it works for bats too. Yes you can learn new tricks.



Be a Basin Buddy

Street flooding can be prevented with a simple solution that usually only takes a few minutes: clearing leaves and debris from catch basins. Residents are encouraged to partner with the City to reduce street flooding and keep the Grand River free of storm debris by becoming a Basin Buddy.

Being a Basin Buddy isn't a tough job – it takes only a few minutes. The only requirement is a commitment to clearing the catch basin near one's residence of debris and snow. Individuals who sign up as a Basin Buddy are guided through the process of adopting catch basin, which involves watching a short instructional video and taking a short quiz.

"We encourage residents to partner with us to reduce street flooding and keep the Grand River free of storm debris," said Carrie Rivette, the City's storm water manager. "Being a Basin Buddy is an important and easy job."

Sign up at: <https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Directory/Programs-and-Initiatives/Basin-Buddy>

Board Notes

Discussion at the August, 2018 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Treasurers Report – Jan commented that as of the end of July, there were

no surprises or noteworthy line items.

Staff Reports: Written Reports were submitted. Jan E. briefly discussed the ribbon cutting event for the new

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Museum School at 54 Jefferson SE, stating that the school makes a great entrance to State Street/Heritage Hill. It is wonderful to see the building come alive again and so fun to see it occupied by students. Jan also noted that the Great Hall will be open to opportunities, including for neighborhood events.

Jan provided further comment about the hiring process for Crime Prevention Organizer. Resumes will be taken through the end of August and a candidate who has had training with GRPD is preferred. Jan expressed appreciation that several individuals have applied and that she hopes to have hired someone by October 1st. Tansy H. noted that she continues to work with GRPD and GRPS concerning a different man on the Innovation Central campus disrobing and drinking on the north end of the school property. Tansy also provided a detailed update concerning the Housing Now proposals and the process for further engagement, facilitated by WMCAT, who is holding 4 engagement meetings. Neighbors who have attended were angered when realizing that they were being presented with the same information as before in a different package. City staff has attended all the meetings and was crucial for answering residents' questions. Tansy stated in some ways, this recent process is akin to starting all over again and asked residents to talk to their City Commissioners and to go online and fill out the Housing Now survey. The Neighborhood Association Coalition will be staying on top of the issue.

Committee/Board information groups:

Community Engagement: Picnic/ National Night Out - Discussion included the success of the event, the high attendance and large number of kids, especially considering the rain. Tansy H. and Maria Z.S. relayed the details of "Weinergate '18" and that the Health Department cracked down at the last minute about permitting for the hot dogs that neighbor Tony Davis kindly cooked on his grill. County Commissioner Carol Hennessey stepped in and eased

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the requirements for neighborhood associations. Compliance with the Health Department concerning food is very stringent; HHA will have to decide whether or not to take this on next year or to only offer packaged food. Jan commented that it is great that the new ping pong table at

Pleasant Park was installed in time for the Picnic and that it was used during that event. Big thanks to all who volunteered, with special shout-outs to Todd Hoort, Lisa Baars and Suzanne De Haan.
Land Use: Wayne N. and Wes B. provided updates on several

issues. GRCC is building a 1 ½ story addition to the Applied Tech Center on Fountain St., in the playground area adjacent to the most westerly house in Heritage Hill on the north side of Fountain. The parking lot at Wealthy and Prospect that used to be Little Jack’s Party Store is owned by ICCF and is currently being leased to Mary Free Bed for additional surface parking. A billboard contract on this property will delay any development of this parcel. The owners of 523 Lyon St. (formerly the Jellema House) will be meeting with the Zoning Committee on August 21; an additional neighbors meeting will be held once an application is submitted to the city for any required variances. Sarah G. announced that The Rapid route 19 and the DASH will be free with the DASH having expanded evening and weekend hours starting August 27. The Rapid is also looking to hire more drivers.

Fundraising and Finance:
Home Tour: Suzanne D. and Kate D. are actively recruiting houses for 2019 and ask members to recruit their neighbors as well. A plea will be put on Facebook and in the next newsletter.

Garden Tour: Kate D. relayed that Ottawa Hills had contacted her with the suggestion of alternating years with Heritage Hill. Discussion included questioning the premise if the two events conflict with each other.

Texas Hold ‘Em: The next events are back-to-back: Oct. 29-31 & Nov. 9-11. Suzanne D. strongly encouraged members to sign up for a shift.

If you would like an item placed on the Board agenda, please call the HHA office at 459-8950 before 4:00 p.m. of the second WEDNESDAY of the month. If you would like to address the Board regarding an agenda item, public comment is taken at the beginning of each meeting. For non-agenda items, public comment is taken at the end of each meeting. Typically, Board meetings run from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

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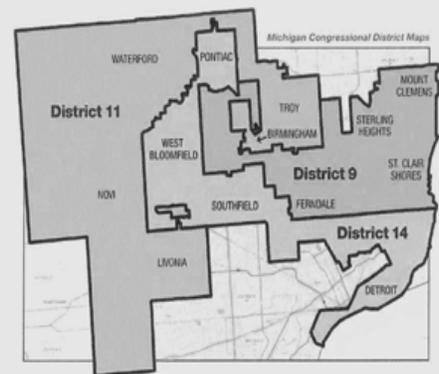
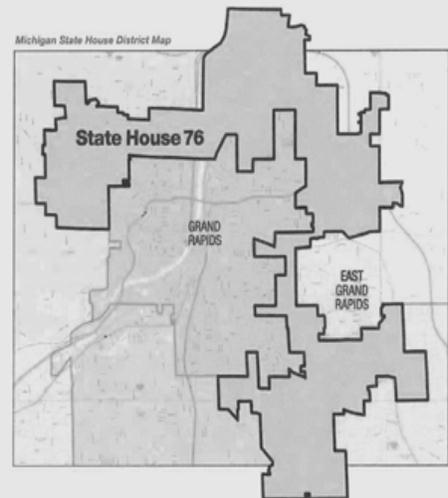
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All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

HHA Board Meeting
7:00 pm.

Mercy Health Saint Mary's Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
Cherry Street, between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues

Saturday, November 3, 2018

HHA Board Candidate Deadline

Monday, November 5, 2018

November/December Herald newsletter deadline

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Election Day

Be an engaged citizen and vote!

Wed., November 14, 2018

HHA Board Meeting
7:00 pm.

Mercy Health Saint Mary's Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
Cherry Street, between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues

Year End Events

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Annual Meeting and Holiday Potluck and 50th Anniversary Celebration

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
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