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14th Annual Heritage Hill Yard Sales Day!

Saturday, August 27, 2011

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Blue Molly
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Make it a Heritage Hill outing

Grand River Builders’ star and Heritage Hill Association pillar sponsor, Dan Beelen and his band, Blue Molly are sharing the stage with Ribbons of Song. Each band plays a 50 min. set. Tickets are $12.00 at the door or free for Meijer Garden members. You should be there.

Make it a Heritage Hill outing

The Sunday of Home Tour, the entire Le / Vuong family of 333 Fountain NE rode up to the Heritage Hill office on their bicycles to make a delivery. The two sons, Dan and Vinh, with the help of their mother, Trang, had organized a Lemonade Stand in their front yard, the day before, for tour-goers, neighbors and passersby.

Successfully raising $96.90 in sales and donations, Dan and Vinh generously donated 50% of their proceeds ($48.45!) to the Heritage Hill Association, delivered in a Ziploc. Cheers to the Le / Vuong family for their sense of community and for teaching their children the spirit of giving.

Vinh and Dan’s donation will go toward continuing important neighborhood programs such as Block Club Organizing and Crime Prevention.
Stroll Heritage Hill’s Hidden Garden Treasures on July 30th

A shade garden of coleus and hostas, a church courtyard garden of reflection, a formal Italian garden that rose from ashes, an eclectic garden of meandering paths and an explosion of color in front of a “painted lady, are but a sampling of the treasures on display at the 4th annual Heritage Hill Garden Tour.

On July 30th from 9 am to 3 pm, a dozen gardens all concentrated on the north end of Heritage Hill will open their gates to the public as a pleasant self-guided walking tour with your ticket as a map to the gardens.

The North College Block Club is organizing this year’s tour as a joint fundraiser with the Heritage Hill Association.

Tickets are $8.00 in advance and $10.00 on the day of tour. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Martha’s Vineyard, Art of the Table, Wealthy Street Bakery and the Heritage Hill Association Office and also online at www.heritagehilltours.org. “Day of” tickets will be sold at a booth in the front yard of Central Reformed Church, 10 College NE. Free parking is available at the church as well.

We would like to thank our tour sponsors, Martha’s Vineyard, Storr Printing, and Romence Gardens for their generous contributions and support to Heritage Hill.

So put on some comfortable walking shoes, grab the sunglasses and gather some friends to explore the hidden gems in the north Hill.
Please Remember the Heritage Hill Association In Your Summer Fun

Please remember your neighborhood association and the services and benefits that we provide to you and your neighbors. If you have yet to submit your 2011 Pledge to the Heritage Hill Association, please consider us!!!!! We will put your money to good work right back into your neighborhood! Thank You!

Thanks to More 2011 Home Tour Sponsors

The following sponsors came in after the May/June Herald was printed or were mistakenly omitted. We very much appreciate their support. Please patronize your neighborhood supporters!!!

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Stop in for a taste of something great!
I kept my ears open. There are many steadfast Hill residents and Tour goers who have a hard time letting go of the tradition of an October Heritage Hill Home tour. I confess I was one of them for a short time. Why would we want to move away from something so ingrained in the fabric of fall in Grand Rapids, something so great for the neighborhood? In a word: ArtPrize!

The behemoth that is ArtPrize has steamrolled most of the other events this city has to offer the last two autumn seasons, as well it should. No other event has captured the imagination – and enthusiasm - of this region in recent years as Artprize has.

With regards to our 40+ year event, organizers of the Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes had a decision to make: Try to push for more play alongside Artprize or get out of the way. We got out of the way.

So how did the “new” spring Tour of Homes go? Aesthetically speaking, Tour went fabulously. The homes were top-notch, once again. The spring-like weather was, well, very spring-like.

And, my oh my, there’s nothing like seeing our neighborhood in the springtime. That last point was the winning argument for me in voting to move the Tour to spring. It is obvious by our far-less-than-stellar numbers of attendees that we need to spread the word better about our spring move of Tour. Please help us in our efforts of to let people know that we have moved!

You’ve heard it before . . . many times, but I will never tire of using the term “best ever” when referring to Heritage Hill’s Annual Tour. My wife, Chris, and I continue to be awestruck by the diversity of homes, owners, tenants, locations, tastes and architectural offerings, which make every tour unique.

The north end was represented this year by three homes situated along the ever-inviting Fountain Avenue. A “Thank You” goes to Jodi and Kirby, Amanda and Kevin to Tom for graciously opening your homes for this inaugural spring tour.

South of Fulton, five hosts opened their doors for tour-goers. “Thanks” go to Maggie and Ian, Cathy and Jay, Kate, Jessica and Tim, and Melissa for letting us into your lovely homes this year.

Thanks also to the Women’s City Club and Steelcase Corporation, owner of the Meyer May House, for letting us tour your venerable institutions once again.

Last, but not least, to those who volunteered for and attended Tour, we thank you and hope you are looking forward to May, 2012 as much as we are.

Though this year’s numbers were down (a bit lower than with the last two years versus Artprize), the tour committee is hoping the rule of thumb is true: a two-to-three-year build-up is necessary in overcoming a major change like this. The increased foot traffic is what
brings the festive feeling to Home Tour. And perhaps a fresh look at some new ideas and minor tweaking - along with our usual solid group of tour homes - will bring the curious, the idea-seekers and those who enjoy the link between the past & present back en mass.

The Annual Heritage Hill Tour of Homes is the largest fundraiser for the Heritage Hill Association. Between 300 and 350 volunteers contribute to making the weekend a success, with all proceeds going right back into programs for the Heritage Hill neighborhood. Some of these programs include block club organizing, crime prevention, community and resource education, land-use planning, and preservation of the district’s historic character. And while it’s sometimes more complicated than that, more often than not, the programs are simply focused on helping neighbors maintain their quality of life while living safely in Heritage Hill.

Looking for 2012 Tour Homes . . . And Beyond!

The search for a homeowner’s “pride and joy” or even an interesting “work in progress” continues. When members of the Tour Committee come visit some of you in these next few months, please consider the generous act we ask of you: Opening your home for the Heritage Hill Annual Weekend Tour of Homes.

The dates for our May Tour will be Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, 2012.

We would love to work with any prospective Tour host/homeowner. For some, that may mean next May. For others, it may be two or three, or more, years away. We want to put your name on the list and let you know we appreciate your involvement regardless of your timeline. While there are many people involved in the orchestration of our neighborhood Tour each year, none are more important than those who actually open their homes for the public to view.
Huge thanks to our recent Heritage Hill Association contributors:

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Gardeners Needed: Volunteers like you are needed to help perk up Foster Park. Bring your work gloves and whatever gardening tool you like to use. Plan to meet Tuesday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m. to get the park ready for the Night Out Picnic that will take place there the next week. Over the years, we have planted peonies, hostas, iris’s, lillies, a new lilac bush and tulips. We will be concentrating on weeding and edging at this park clean-up.

Potluck Fun: Don’t miss our Heritage Hill Night Out Potluck on Tuesday, August 2 at 5:30 at the little park located at Cherry and Madison SE. Bring a dish to pass and family or friends. If it is hot, plan on a running through the GRFD firefighters water hoses. A kiddies’ pool will be available too. No diving please! HHA is grilling hot dogs and providing the lemonade and plates and forks. We ask you to bring your favorite dish to share with our city officials, the GRPD K9 Unit, the SWAT Team, and our Community Police Officer Kristen Gibbons.

This event is part of National Night Out and it is a great way to get residents and businesses together to celebrate all the hard work that has been done over the past year to build and keep a strong and healthy community.

Crime Update: Due to a rash of burglaries that occurred last winter, neighbors have been very vigilant and have actually stopped crimes-in-progress. Police were able to make several arrests due to neighbor 911 calls. The numbers of incidents have diminished too. We have had a few home break-ins though, so we must always think ahead to prevention.

Recent Incidents: There was break-in in the north end of the Hill where a suspect pulled a trash barrel or cart to a window and used it to get high enough to reach a window. He broke in and stole a TV. No one was home at the time. Nextdoor the suspect managed to force the air conditioner out of the window to enter. Again, no one was home. Make sure your air conditioner is well secured to the window sash and frame.

Kids: We still have a few bike helmets left to give away. Please stop by the office or come to the picnic if you need one.

City Online Services: Is nothing a secret anymore? Not if you have housing code.

Please remember us when your apartment needs renters. Your dollars not only find you tenants but also support the programs of the Heritage Hill Association!

You can list your apartment right at the website or stop by the HHA office. We welcome you!

Heritage Hill Apartment Rental and Home Sales Listings
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violations or were arrested because of unpaid parking tickets. If you are behind on property tax payments or forgot to cut your lawn for the entire summer of 2010, it’s all online for the world to seek and find.

Most of us are only interested in ourselves, so if you would like to check out your records go to: www.grcity.us and click on I want to from the banner running across the page. A drop-down menu will allow you to choose to check out your summer tax bill at Property Tax Information, or to follow up on your next court date by clicking or Look up a Court Case. You can also Apply for a Job with the city (fat chance), or check out the City Boards and Commissions. If the tall grass in your yard is bugging you, you can file a complaint against yourself. Just click on Services in the banner running across the page, then click on Online Services from the drop down menu. Click on Inspections Services and you are ready to turn yourself in to the government. If a street light is out – report it online at File a complaint. They take complaints on potholes too. If you would like to write a note to the Chief of Police or Mayor about how clean and safe the city is, all you have to do is go to Departments and look for police or city commission. Have a safe summer.

WE REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS

Walter Gaines
Mr. Gaines, aged 84, of the 500 block of Paris SE passed away on May 11, 2011. He is survived by his Delois Gaines, his dear wife of 60 year, his two children and many relative, neighbors and friends who remember him as a kind and pleasant man and a very good neighbor.

Irene Lomonico:
Mrs. Irene M. Lomonico, passed away June 19, 2011 at 94 years of age. She lived on the west side of Grand Rapids for much of her life, but for the last few decades Mrs. Lomonico lived on the 200 block of Oakley NE in Heritage Hill. She will be remembered for her lovely little yard she kept full of flowers.
Twenty-four neighbors participated in the State and Cherry Street Visioning Session on June 29. This is Phase II of the Heritage Hill Association’s streetscape planning for this corridor, that began with a meeting and walking tour in early spring.

Consultants, planners, and HH neighbors, Mike Clark and Mark Miller, helpfully educated those in attendance on a number of urban design concepts that are found across the nation in cities like San Francisco and Portland, as well as close to home in nearby business districts like Eastown, Easthills, Creston and downtown GR.

These design elements are intended to define a space or place so that it has value, meaning and connection.

- **Scale:** Can it be experienced at a human scale?
- **Accessible:** Do we have a choice in how we get around?
- **Durable:** Is it built to last?
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- **Frugal:** How much energy does it take to build it, maintain it, get to it?
- **Lovable:** Is it a place that endears itself? Do people want to be there?
- **Sustainable:** All of the above?

We also reviewed ideas and comments from the Walking Tour of State and Cherry:

- Mixed use buildings with pedestrian-scaled commercial uses at the street level.
- Commercial activity could include restaurants and offices.
- Residential on the upper floors. Mixed-use buildings envisioned with zero lot line with two to four stories.
- Unifying element within the corridor.
- Traditional village center with Foster Park as the central element.

Using the above parameters, we broke into two groups and using maps and tracing paper, drew in elements that could enhance and stabilize the State Street corridor. Suggested elements included “parklets” (tiny green spaces similar to bulb outs but designed with some seating or other pedestrian-friendly accoutrement); walling or fencing the current parking lots to better define the “walls” of the street; mixed-use infill development on parking lots, increasing transparency on current buildings, more retail and/or more housing with flexible development that could provide both or adapt depending on success; and make Foster Park the central focus.

We agreed that the street needs a unifying element or elements that will help create its identity.

The intersections of Cherry, State and Madison and Jefferson and State were identified as entry points or gateways to the corridor and therefore important pieces of the plan. A design element could be incorporated at both of these intersections and/or into the parks at both ends of the corridor.

We are still in the visioning stage and more ideas are welcome. Our consultants Mike Clark, AICP, APA of Vita Nova, and Mark Miller, AIA, CNU of Nederveld, will work to flesh out neighbors’ ideas. Mark will literally draw a new, revitalized concept of State Street corridor. We will meet again in late August or early September to review and tweak our vision. All neighbors are welcome and encouraged to participate.
*Corrections from the May/June, 2011 Herald: The March Board Notes were mistakenly omitted; the April notes were mislabeled as being from February. (Home Tour orchestration was taking our full concentration from newsletter proofing.) The March notes are available at the office or by email for those interested.

Discussion at the May, 2011 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Reconsideration of Yard Sale Date – Jan presented the numerous complaints that the office has received with the date of Yard Sale on September 3rd – Labor Day weekend. Motion was made to move the Yard Sale one week earlier to August 27. Consensus was the event needs to moved from the Holiday weekend and that moving the date earlier could catch returning college students and their need for household goods. The date should be advertised throughout Home Tour.

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Treasurer’s Report – Jackie Taylor highlighted the April Treasurer’s report. Steve Yared questioned if there is a need to revise/amend the budget because of the Texas Hold-em line-item that is no longer viable as no events are available to HHA this year. The Finance committee will consider this following the results of Home Tour. The Tour Friends and Sponsor campaign met or exceeded budget. Applause to Jane Lovett for her asserted effort this year. The City Commission reduced HHA’s 2011-12 CDBG contract by 6% ($2796) rather than the initial 16% discussion. Thanks need to be sent to the City Commission and CD Director, Connie Bohatch, for sparing neighborhood associations more drastic cuts.

Staff Reports – Written reports were accepted with “great read” comments. Barb reminded Board members of the June 29 visioning session as part of the State Street Corridor Improvement process. Jan is serving on the steering committee of the Michigan Corridor Planning process with a first meeting on May 26.

Committee/Liaison Reports

Fundraising – Jackie Taylor Garden Tour: Jim Payne announced that the Garden Tour is up to 12 gardens. The enthusiastic hosts will be staffing their own gardens for the full hours of the Tour. This makes a minimal need for extra volunteers. The ticket booth will be at Central Reformed Church. Justin Fales is readying the website for online ticket sales and information.

Home Tour: Jan presented an urgent need for volunteers especially for Sunday morning shifts; encouraged Board members to spread the Tour word through their email contacts, and/or social media networks. The weekend is 3 days away and all is ready. We just need tourists.

Pledge Drive: The letter plea continues to bring in pledges. The membership dues and commercial pledge drive happens in late fall.

Community Involvement – Mary Robinson Block Issues: Members were directed to Barb’s staff report

Education: GRPS Board approved the district charter sponsorship for the UPrep Academy. Jackie Taylor is one of the facilitators for the community planning meetings discussing GRPS high schools. She will send out the dates of the meetings. Lisa Frieburger is leaving GRPS Administration and has been hired by GRCC as Bob Partridge’s replacement.

Neighborhood Safety Task Force: The State Street Corridor next meeting is June 29.

Hospitality: The Picnic is August 2.

Land Use – Jaime Misner
Housing: Members were directed to Barb’s staff report.
Preservation and Zoning: Jan reminded Board members of the GR Historic Preservation Awards ceremony happening on May 26. Several Heritage Hill residents are being recognized. No new zoning issues.
Traffic and Parking: Jaime discussed the possibility of road construction work on Madison Ave. The Washington Street work is postponed for 3 years. The south of Wealthy sewer reconstruction is proceeding but has been hindered by high water levels.
Discussion at the June 2011 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:
Treasurer’s Report - Jackie Taylor highlighted the May Treasurer’s report. Home Tour went really well but the proceeds will probably come in $4,500 under budget. Residential Pledges are doing well; hopes are to exceed the budget. A wine social may help, but with the soft numbers from Home Tour and the loss of Texas Hold ‘Em, alternative revenue is needed. Jackie suggested a joint meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees, to be held in July.
Staff Reports - Barb Lester encouraged everyone to be safe and to lock windows and doors, even when just in the backyard. Police made arrests of three young people, who were connected to car break-ins. Barb also reported that the Visioning Session for the State Street area will be on June 29th. The intent is to create a guide for future development of State and Cherry Streets between the area of Union to Jefferson.
Jan Earl reported that the first Michigan Street Corridor Planning Meeting was an overview of the boundaries and the scope of the project. Jan also reported on the groundbreaking ceremony on the first phase of development for the Wealthy/ Jefferson neighborhood. ICCF will be developing the Wealthy-Division-Sheldon parcel with mixed-use “liner” buildings. A grocery store continues to be sought for the area behind this first phase of building. The Little Jack’s party store property is in litigation; ICCF owns all the surrounding parcels, including the parking lot.
Committee/Liaison Reports:
Administrative – Mike Clark
Institutional Liaisons: Spectrum Health: Jan E. commented that she had had great communication with the transportation department during Home Tour and again thanked Spectrum for its buses donation.
Nominating/Personnel: Jan E. announced the written resignation of Kathi Barkan from the HHA Board. Kathi has more demands on her time and thought it best to step down. Kathi approached a possible replacement for her remaining term.
Fundraising – Jackie Taylor
Garden Tour: Jim Payne announced that Garden Tour is going quite well and that there are now 12 gardens on the slate. There are more interested parties, but as it is time to print materials, no new gardens will be added. NCBC is currently working on sponsorships and publicity. Jim thanked Justin Fales for his work on the Tours website (www. heritagehilltours.org) and commented that the Garden Tour was promoted well during Home Tour.
Home Tour: Jan Earl stated that the weekend went wonderfully, great comments were received and that visitors loved the spring flowers. The crowds were not what was

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hoped for; the change to the spring could take as long as three years for tour-goers to get accustomed to the change. Approximately $20,000 was raised in ticket sales and almost $14,000 from sponsorships. Discussion included the possibility of selling tickets at the tour homes, putting more attention into new and interesting ways to recruit volunteers and a suggestion for additional mailings to go out for “Save the Date,” etc. Jan also announced that she had received a year’s notice from Tom and Chris Truesdale and that they will be resigning from the Home Tour Committee after the 2012 tour. Jan stated that it will likely take 6 people to replace them. A 2011 “Debrief Meeting” for the HT Committee is scheduled for June 21st.

Pledge Drive: The letter plea continues to bring in pledges; residential pledges are at 91% of the budget. The membership dues and commercial pledge drive happens in late fall. Jackie stated that a fall phone-a-thon and reminder letters would help to bring in as much revenue from this area as possible.

Community Involvement – Mary Robinson

Block Issues: Members were directed to Barb’s staff report.

Education: Mary R. outlined the GRPS pilot program for Harrison Park school. Jackie T. reported on the very positive meeting that she facilitated and Vicki Hudson attended at the Central High campus. GRPS expressed its continued commitment to Central High. The Montessori program is very happy on the Central campus and the Health Sciences School of Innovation will continue; other schools of innovation may move to the Central High building.

Neighborhood Safety Task Force:

Hospitality: The Picnic is August 2. A suggestion was made to invite Saint Mary’s, ICCF and the Child Discovery Center school. Land Use – Jaime Misner

Housing: Members were directed to Barb’s staff report.

Parks: Barb Lester relayed a recent conversation with Steve Faber of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks about the association developing a more formalized plan to adopt Foster Park as it is the central point of the commercial area and its maintenance is a key component of safety and crime prevention in the State Street area. Discussion included the use of the city’s resources and the possibility of making the park maintenance a project of the Neighborhood Safety Task Force.

Preservation and Zoning: Two new partners of Bethlehem Lutheran Church plan to develop it as 18 apartments of varied size with 28 parking spaces and no additions to the building. Their plan is to leave the sanctuary and balcony intact as one large apartment, as well as the tower. Jan E. encouraged them to hold an open house for neighbors and stated that she has the plans if anyone would like to see them.

Traffic and Parking: Mike Clark joked that “everything” is under construction in the south end. Jim Payne provided an update on the north College (from Fountain to Fulton) project. Major work is not scheduled to begin until the end of June, water mains are being replaced and the work is scheduled to be completed before the start of school in the fall. One lane will remain open to neighbors and hopes are that both the Fulton and Portsmouth entrances to Central Reformed Church may be open and accessible for Garden Tour.

The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third

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Meet Rebecca R. Whitman, GRCC’s new Chief of Police

If you don’t already know, GRCC has its own police force - not a security team - and their officers pass through the north side of Heritage Hill in cars, on foot and on bikes several times a day, now that GRCC’s DeVos Campus has located in the former Davenport University space. GRCC’s officers’ presence gives our neighborhood an extra dimension of protection. Their jurisdiction is on campus and surrounding streets, but they also work closely with GRPD.

Rebecca is new to GRCC, but far from new to law enforcement or to Heritage Hill for that matter. She was with the Grand Rapids Police Department for almost 25 years, rising through the ranks from intern in 1986 to captain in 2004.

“I’m honored to be leading GRCC’s Campus Police Department,” said Rebecca. “Chief Cindy Kennell (who was the first female police captain in West Michigan when she took the job at GRCC in 1995) has left big shoes to fill, however, her legacy will live on in those she trained and mentored. I am looking forward to the opportunity to move this department into the future.”

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A “Good News” Story

The Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center Finds a New Home in Heritage Hill

The Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center (GRCDC), a charter school of the GRPS, closed on the purchase of the Vandenberg School on June 29th. The GRCDC has been open since 2000 when it started in response to the parents and teachers from the Aquinas College Child Development Center. They wanted to continue a grade school so that their children could continue to work and learn within that pre-school framework. The first year enrolled 85 students. Current enrollment for fall 2011 is 232 students.

The GRCDC has been renting the school building owned by the St. Adalbert Parish. The existing school, while adequate in size in the short term, has infrastructure issues of an older building. Also, the GRCDC’s future growth could not be met at this facility. While many options were considered in a new school location, Lorissa MacAllister, Board President, Lott Metz Architects and Christman Construction, studied, planned and created a budget to relocate the school to the Vandenberg School. In February, 2011 the GRCDC School Board approved the proposal to make an offer to purchase the facility.

“In so many ways, this is a successful transaction” says MacAllister. “Our school community stays downtown, the GRPS realizes some cash flow and the relief of maintaining the school, we restore and develop a historic structure, and through the process we have become more organized and are prepared to be even a stronger force in our community for quality education and sustainable practice.”

The school is currently occupying Vandenberg and preparing it for the fall. The first day of school is September 6, 2011. For more information and enrollment options, go to childdiscoverycenter.org.

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All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Saturday, July 30, 2011
Heritage Hill Garden Tour – Tickets $8 in advance; $10 on the day of Tour.
Don’t miss it!

Tuesday, August 2, 2011
Heritage Hill Night-Out Picnic
Enjoy a summer night with fun and food!

Tuesday, August 16, 2011
The Blue Mollies at Meijer Gardens Amphitheater – 7:00 pm
Heritage Hill’s favorite friends on the big stage – a night of bluesy rock-and-roll

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
(GRCC DeVos Campus)
Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall
415 East Fulton

***Date Change due to Popular Demand***
Saturday, August 27, 2011
Neighborhood-Wide Yard Sales Day
50+ yard sales scattered throughout the Heritage Hill Neighborhood!

Wednesday, September 21, 2011
HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
(GRCC DeVos Campus)
Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall
415 East Fulton

Annual Heritage Hill Association Events to Remember:

Coming this Fall:
October 14, 2011
A Heritage Hill Friday Night Out Wine/Beer/Food Social
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Women’s City Club
Watch for details in the next Herald

Friday, December 2, 2011
Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting
Holiday Cheer, Great Food and conversation with Heritage Hill neighbors.
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