DATES TO REMEMBER

All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Friday, December 4th, 2009, 6-9 pm
Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting
GRCC Campus (Davenport) Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall
415 East Fulton
Office Closed December 24 - January 3
We’ll be back January 4, 2010
Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, January 20th, 2010*
HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
GRCC Campus (Davenport)
Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall
415 East Fulton

*2010 Board Meetings will be held
the third WEDNESDAY of the month

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Enjoy the upcoming holidays! Start the season by coming to the Association’s Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting and enjoying the company of your neighbors and co-horts!

Now is the time to celebrate the year’s accomplishments. Pat each other on the back and look forward to next year’s opportunities.

Great neighbors, great food, great conversations, great cheer and great big Santa, await you! In short, it will be great if you are there to join in!

Activate yourself to participate because this celebration only happens once a year. We want you there!

Gratitude to all that made a difference on your block and in your neighborhood! It is you that make Heritage Hill a very special place to live.

Energy because we have a lot to do next year! City services are going to require all of us working together. Think of ways that you and your neighbors can help keep your neighborhood great!

Wishing for engagement of everyone in 2010!

Jan Earl
HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS
Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Incentives

Cold weather is approaching and we are all scrambling to finish last minute projects and looking for ways to make our homes more energy efficient without breaking the bank. Both financial and technical information exists, that may benefit owners of historic buildings in general repairs and energy efficiency. The federal and state government want to encourage the preservation of historic buildings by offering assistance through various programs and educational tools. Two very popular and effective tools are the federal and state historic preservation incentives.

The Michigan historic preservation tax credit is a state income tax or small business credit of 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures and is available to qualifying income and non-income producing properties. The federal historic preservation tax credit is a 20% federal income tax credit for substantial rehabilitation expenditures and is only return money to you for projects that aren’t limited to:
- Window repairs, if necessary
- Replacement: both interior and exterior doors
- Mechanical upgrades
- Electrical upgrades
- Bathroom and Kitchen upgrades
- Roof replacement

This is only the tip of the iceberg; qualifying projects are as varied as the styles and types of the City’s historic structures. The tax credit programs not only return money to you for projects you were already planning on doing it can also make projects that were previously out of reach, possible. The federal government also offers educational products such as the Preservation Briefs, a series of booklets designed to teach property owners the ins and outs of historic structures. For example, Preservation Brief 3 specifically addresses energy conservation and historic buildings. These briefs can be obtained free through the Grand Rapids Planning Department or via the National Park Service – Preservation Briefs website: www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/

For more information please contact Rhonda Baker - Grand Rapids Planning Department – 616-456-3451 or rbaker@citygr.com. All tax credit programs are administered through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. See the web site for details and application forms: www.michigan.gov/hd/0,1607,7-188-18833-18873---,00.html

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Meet the 2010 HHA Board Candidates
Kathi Barkan
253 Morris SE
What a wonderful neighborhood we live in. The Heritage Hill community is the pride of downtown Grand Rapids, and I am very proud to be a member of the HHA Board of Directors. I have been a homeowner in Heritage Hill for the past twenty two years and have been actively involved in the Heritage Hill Board for the past six years. Over the past years I have served as Secretary of the Executive Board, Chaired the Education and the Neighborhood Issues Liaison Committees, worked on and Co-Chaired the Garden Tour, and needless to say been very involved in all facets of the organization.

Hard to believe, but my work is not done. I look forward to Co-Chairing the Garden Tour this coming year with Nikki Hoort and being re-elected the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors. Thanks for your support.

Kathi Barkan
6601 36th Ave. Hudsonville
Heritage Hill has rich history about it, not only for the wonderful homes, but more importantly for the people living in their neighborhoods. I have been privileged to work alongside neighbors as a part of the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors this past year. During the year I have participated in fund raising for the Garden Tour and Home Tour, and most recently had our two Lafayette properties on the Tour. I have been a landowner in Heritage Hill since 1986. These experiences have allowed me to learn to appreciate the uniqueness and quality of life in the Hill. I would love to continue my participation on the Board to further the purpose of the Association in building a healthy, historic community.

Meet the 2010 HHA Board Candidates
Deb Bryker
Mike Clark
Nikki Hoort and Vicki Hudson
Deb Bryker
6601 36th Ave. Hudsonville
HNSC

The Heritage Hill Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting Happens December 4

The Association extends a special welcome to all new neighbors to join us experienced neighbors as we gather together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the GRCC East Campus the same place as always in case you missed that GRCC is now the owner of the former Davenport campus.)

Thanks to Martha’s Vineyard, we will have plenty of beverages for toasting. Thanks to Jamie Lovett for hitting her LOCAL FIRST button and getting 9 local restaurants to donate bite size dishes to the buffet line; Thanks to The Green Wolf, Big O’s, Electric Cheetah, the Winchester Pub, One Trick Pony, Cherry Dell, GRFD and GRFD for participating in this mini taste of Heritage Hill. And thanks to you for still bringing your own neighborhood specialty to the table. Jolly Santa will parade the kids to the North side of Sneden Hill for some holiday fun while we mature kids take part in the Association’s annual meeting.

The HHA Annual Meeting...is the time to recognize neighbors for their 2009 service to Heritage Hill. It is also time to plan for next year with the 2010 HHA Board of Directors Election...there are five 3-year terms up for election. Five candidates have provided written notice of their candidacy to the 2010 HHA Board of Directors per the HHA Bylaws’ required notification. With five candidates for five openings, it really only needs one vote to accept the slate.

Child Care Care and Activities... Four Santa’s helpers will be on hand to assist children visiting Santa and oversized bingo games and ornament decorating. If you have very small children who want to see Santa, please accompany your child if needed.

Come one and come all to the center of the Hill!!!

Meet the 2010 HHA Board Candidates
Kathi Barkan, Deb Bryker, Mike Clark, Nikki Hoort and Vicki Hudson

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our re-election campaign and cast a vote for me in the recent election. I look forward to continuing to serve you and work with you for another four years.

Meet the 2010 HHA Board Candidates

Deb Bryker
6601 36th Ave. Hudsonville
HNSC
Mike Clark
310 Washington SE
In the spring of 2006 when my wife and I were looking for a place to call home in the Grand Rapids area, we both knew that our only option would be in Heritage Hill. As a professional community planning consultant, I have always been enthused by the idea of people who already called Heritage Hill their home. I knew that I wanted to be part of this neighborhood. After attending a board meeting as an interested resident in the fall of 2006, and convincing my wife it was a good idea, I was elected to a board position at the annual meeting that December.

During my first term as a board member, I have served on the zoning committee, volunteered for the annual tour of homes, worked with several of the surrounding institutions on several projects, and have had the privilege of serving the past two years as board President. I have been extremely fortunate to have worked with an exceptional board and a terrific staff in addressing issues related to crime, the sale of the Heritage Child Development Center and the Davenport campus, the proposed construction of the Silver Line bus route, and several housing issues.

If re-elected to the board, I will seek re-election to continue serving as the Association President.

Since first moving Heritage Hill almost four years ago, my wife and I purchased a house that we anticipate spending four years ago, my wife and I purchased a house that we anticipate spending four years in. As co-chair of the 2nd annual Garden Tour, I see potential growth and the opportunity to advance marketing strategies for new events.

This past year I was co-chair of the Neighborhood Mixer for block captains and once again it was a great success. We plan to do it again! Hopefully, I’ve earned your vote for another term on the Heritage Hill Association Board.

Thank you!

Nikki Hoort
135 Lafayette NE
I am seeking re-election to the Heritage Hill Association Board in order to continue working on the projects I’ve been committed to the past several years as a board member. As co-chair of the 2nd annual Garden Tour, I see potential growth over the next several years, and want to stay involved during its developmental stages. I am a member of the marketing committee for Heritage Hill annual events with plans that include broadening the attendance in the Grand Rapids area for the Heritage Hill Tour. Also, I want to participate in organizing marketing strategies for new events that are being planned to benefit our community.

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Thank you!

Vicki Hudson
250 Morris SE
When we moved to this house in 1980, I was already quite active in Heritage Hill. I had participated on the education, promotion, and executive committees, but the addition of three children to our family in five years, plus three part-time jobs, and hours volunteering in my kids’ schools and sports activities simply sucked up all my time. The kids have all grown and pretty much gone, but when I stand on the front porch of my now-too-big house and see my neighbors, I feel I still have lots of family around. And I still have many of the same interests. Schools and education are, and will always be, critical anchors to the residential quality that makes this a neighborhood instead of a district. My employment at Grand Rapids Community College, will add a new dimension of education here, too. HH and GRCC have a lot in common. Both are made up of outstanding people who have an interest in strengthening the core city and the people and businesses within it. In my capacity as assistant communications director for the school, I would welcome the opportunity to be a conduit between the two entities. Those same communications skills could be put to work promoting the importance of balance Heritage Hill as an historic district and as a cool place where real people live. I would be excited to be a part of the changes that are coming right in our backyard, as area medical and educational institutions work together to create new pathways toward the future, as the practicality of urban transit options unfold, and as Heartside and the arena add exciting vitality to life here - right within walking distance from our lovely, leafy streets. We really are in the catbird seat! But there is one other project that, at least right now, doesn't lend itself to such zippy imagery: the dead State Street corridor. It has so much potential, but we will want to be vigilant about what develops there. I also think we need to be mindful of how the increase of rentals (due to slow home sales) is increasing our density again. If you elect me, I promise to focus on our future and not bore you with too many stories about how it used to be.

Heritage Hill activity: 26 tours, past board member and officer, original Festival food booth team, wrote first walking tour brochure, progressive dinner proponent and participant, committee to create Henry Annex (later called Heritage CDC), fan.

Ring My Bell …

How annoying, that front doorbell only works from time to time, and you never know whether someone is there. You don’t want to call an electrician for such a small job. It’s often a quick fix – just replace the exterior button. Doorbell systems operate at a low voltage, so you really can’t get a shock. You also can’t damage the system by attempting a repair. Give it a try.

Check out the front button and loosen a few screws holding it to the door frame. If the button is recessed into the wood, carefully pry it from the hole in the wood frame with a putty knife or pocket knife. The wires can be delicate, so he careful not to tear them - and don’t give the wires a hard tug.

Once you have found the wires, remove them from the screws on the switch. Touch the two wires together. If you get the ‘dong’ every time you touch the wires together, you have found the problem. Just go to the hardware store and find a similar replacement switch, attach the wires and install the switch. It’s really that simple. Most doorbell failures can be traced to the exterior button, which is exposed to the weather and takes a beating.

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Board Notes (Cont'd from page 11)

• Promotion – Jackie Taylor repeated that she will be meeting with Jan before the November board meeting.

Funding – Jackie Taylor

• Progress on Goals and Objectives – Jackie reported that this committee’s progress is quite good except for Home Tour proceeds, discussed in the Treasurer’s report.

Many new fundraising ideas were discussed including a power point presentation to market Home Tour. Jackie encouraged members to email their ideas so that she could bring them to the Funding Committee.

• Home Tour – Jan stated that the Steering Committee will be having its 2009 wrap-up meeting soon and encouraged comments / suggestions to be directed to the committee.

Pledge Drive: Jackie reported that as of the end of September, we are at 69%, which is down a little. She will be personalizing letters that will go out to those who have not yet given this year. Jan reminded the board that the commercial pledge drive letters will also be going out soon.

The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at GRCC East (formerly Downtown.) 445 East Fulton at the Robert Sneden Lecture Hall. Neighbors are welcome to attend. 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 Thursday 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 last from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Huge thanks to our recent Heritage Hill Association contributors:

Ed and Lorna Dobson
Doug Dok and Daun Landers
Steve and Sue Fraser
Marlyn Hess
Paul Kerkstra
Mary Kenyon and Don Smalligan
Tom and Anne Logan
Chris and Tom Tresdale
Eve Matlock
Van Andel Institute

Remember Heritage Hill Property Owners:

There is a City Preservation Ordinance that governs all exterior changes, repairs and 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: grand-rapids.mi.us at the Planning, department section or at the Heritage Hill Association’s www.heritagehill.org. This ordinance applies to all exterior changes, repairs and additions to your home and property. Items such as doors and windows including stormes, yard structures, driveway and sidewalk approaches, and fences do need HPC approvals.

Farewell to 125 City Staff who served us well.

Farewell to so many who have helped us at City Hall, at the Grand Rapids Police and Fire Department, in the Parks Department, at Neighborhood Improvement, in Streets and Sanitation and many more departments. On November 30, Granger will receive her last day on City job due to severe budget cuts. The quality of their work with Grand Rapids neighborhoods is widely recognized. We cannot name all 125 but they will all be terribly missed.

The city services we have grown to expect and depend on will no longer be available to us. Street sweeping is one example. This may become a luxury no longer affordable. If there is garbage dumped in the alley behind you, it will most likely sit there until you pick it up. Fewer police officers will mean that our loud music complaints may go unattended and only emergencies will get the quick response we are used to. Cops on bikes or foot patrols are probably a thing of the past.

What is it going to take? The most important ingredient is good neighbors with good attitudes. Here are a few of the issues that may have to work on after December 31.

What are we going to do? How do we get started? Neighbors will set our own priorities and develop our neighborhood action plan to deal with reduced city services. But, at the time of this printing Greg Sundstrom our City Manager has set up six neighborhood gatherings. The city is encouraging neighbors to adopt a new way of thinking about services and what we cannot do without. The results of those meetings will help neighbors all over Grand Rapids determine ways we can work together and as individual neighborhood groups.

We have come to expect a high standard of living in Grand Rapids and most of us want to see it continue even if we have to do some of the work ourselves.

What can we do?

• Reb Roberts, local artist and Division Avenue business owner: “Every morning I spend my money walking down the block and picking up litter on the sidewalk.” Reb said it is the everyday routine that is important because it just becomes a habit. Sometimes the efforts of an individual are noted and others join in. His artwork on public utility boxes is likely to deter taggers or other graffiti that has become a problem.

Jim Telrum, College Avenue SE neighbor: “I would be willing to clean the street in front of my building if the City of Grand Rapids provided bags.”

Eve Matlock, Union Avenue SE Block Captain: “I am concerned about our neighborhood. It’s important that we have a safe neighborhood and with all the layoffs people are going to have more crime. We do neighborhood watching 24/7. I never stop watching.”

Jaye Beetle and Rich Jelier walk their block of Union SE on clean up forays five or six times a year. But, as a Professor of Urban Planning, Rich believes the city needs to be held accountable for providing services and must have a zero tolerance policy for blight properties. He warns that neighbors will “exercise an exit option and go somewhere else where the quality of life is better if they don’t.”

There you have a few thoughts emerging with this announcement that a lot of changes are coming. Give us a call if you have any thoughts you want to share – 459-8950.
Let’s Fight Blight

Ask our local businesses and organizations to stop damaging trees and light poles. Stapling posters to a tree is destructive. The tape and glue used to post signs eats the paint off of new historic poles. The posters add to the litter blowing down our streets. Ask the owners to reject this form of promotion -- and then support the businesses that do stop.

Poster promoting an event at Wealthy Theater was taped to new traffic signal pole at Wealthy and Madison. Call 459-4788.

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Poster promoting an event at Billy’s Lounge was taped to a young tree at College and Washington SE. Call 459-5757.

Poster promoting an event at Munigan’s Pub taped to new traffic signal pole at Wealthy and Diamond SE. Call 451-0775.

MSP unanimously to change the meeting time as proposed. Treasurer’s Report / Finance Committee: Tom Czerwinski reported that while things looked good as of the end of September, the proceeds from Home Tour were down $9,000 and there would not be a way to make this up yet in 2009. Tom also reported that as the budget has been short the last two years as well, the association has been dipping into its reserves. Members discussed ArtPrize as being the main reason for the huge decline in Home Tour attendance this year and discussed the possibility of not having Home Tour at the same time as ArtPrize in 2010. The fundraising committee stated that the association will probably initiate various fundraisers such as Texas Hold’Em events to try make up some of this deficit.

Staff Reports: Discussion of both reports included: 1) Neighbor contact information captured at neighborhood watch meetings. 2) Problems in the State Street area reduced this summer. 3) Task Force Meeting and Pledge Calling to be scheduled in November. 4) The Board agreed to send a letter of opposition to the city commission concerning the proposed adoption of the IPMC housing code. 5) Spectrum Health has withdrawn the application to demolish the buildings of the former Rite Aid and Red Geranium without explanation. 6) The RAPID will be holding community meetings next week concerning the Silver Line; stakeholders’ meetings will follow this series of meetings. 7) The RAPID will also be holding forums in November for input in preparing its 20-year master plan. Community Involvement – Nikki Hoort

- Progress on Goals and Objectives – Nikki reported that the committee will meet before the November board meeting and provide a report then.
- Block Issues – Members were directed to Barb Lester’s staff report.
- Annual Meeting / Holiday Potluck – Jan e passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer for needed tasks.
- Neighborhood Safety Task Force – Barb stated that she will be organizing a follow-up meeting with State Street stakeholders.
- Land Use Issues – Dave Hathaway
- Progress on Goals and Objectives – Darrel reported that there is ongoing monitoring.
- Housing – Members were directed to Barb’s staff report.
- Preservation – Jaime Misner announced that the national Historic Preservation Commissions Conference will be in Grand Rapids next year.
- Zoning/Green Grand Rapids – Jane Lott explained that she has been attending all meetings, the last to be held Oct. 21st. Mike Clark announced that he will be attending an upcoming Zoning Appeals Board meeting and commenting on recent variance request decisions within Heritage Hill.
- Administrative – Mike Clark
  - Progress on Goals and Objectives – Mike reported that progress is good.
  - Institutional Liaisons – Jan Earl stated that it is time to set an update meeting with Saint Mary’s Justin Fales commented that Lacks Enterprises had held its 1st Annual 5K Walk in the neighborhood to raise funds for the cancer center.
  - Nominating – Mike reminded the board that the deadline for candidates to submit their

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2009 Tour Homes Shine Bright on Gloomy Weekend

The use of that allegorical device, dark and foreboding skies, was not lost on me. Had I known that previous Monday that the last soggy days of September were about to usher in one of West Michigan’s wettest Octobers ever, I might have been less positive in my attitude leading into Home Tour weekend. Just as well . . . I’ve never worn disappointment well.

We had for 2009, as always, one of the best Home Tour line-ups we’ve ever had. The homes and institutions were stellar. Hosts were more than amiable . . . they were effervescent. The long-understood but unwritten rule of tour recruitment: that it provides incentive to homeowners/hos hosts to finish long-standing projects, or kindles interest in new projects, played out as if by 2009 Tour doors opened for the 2009 Tour. Whatever the avenue taken to get to that weekend, the 2009 Tour homes were absolutely perfect.

The weather forecasts by local meteorologists the week leading into the 2009 Tour homes were absolutely perfect. The avenue taken to get to that weekend, the 2009 Tour homes were absolutely perfect.

The weather forecasts by local meteorologists the week leading into the weekend’s cavalcade of seasonal offering . . . beacons for the fortunates who journeyed out to visit them.

Unfortunately, few made that journey this year. That means that many months since the Tour, but most of the questions I’ve been asking myself that begin with “what if” still linger.

Just yesterday, I received an e-mail from a fellow worker at my place of employment saying he was just looking, once again, as his Tour booklet and happened to see a couples’ name listed under the Tour committee that was the same as mine. He asked if that was my wife and I, and if so, he wanted to pass along that he really enjoyed the Tour journey this year. I thanked him.

He may not realize it, but in a small way that note made our work worthwhile. My “what ifs” are now turning to “next year.”

- Tom Truesdale

The numbers on Home Tour 2009 were down almost 95,000. Tour couldn’t compete with ArtPrize AND the weather. There is discussion to move Home Tour to the spring because ArtPrize is just too great, too big, and too successful to allow any other event scheduled in its wake to prosper. We will likely try 2010 in the fall but plan Tour with a spring date for 2011 if the results warrant a move. Stay tuned!

Thank You to Our Phone-a-Thon Volunteers

Below are neighbors who put the Fun in Fundraising. Thank you very much for calling neighbors and raising much needed funds for our crime prevention organizing, critical work on Housing and Zoning issues and Herald newsletter and E-Alerts updates.

And thank you to our very generous neighbors who have sent in their donations. As we said when we called. Any amount you send is most appreciated. And if you cannot send a donation this year we certainly understand. Thank you for all the other ways you may have contributed.

Cathy Hathaway
Patty Neve
Jennifer Hankinson
Susanne DeShan
Jana Bowman
Kate Diedrich
Michelle Mott
Mike Cavanaugh
Mary Beth Quillen
Nikki Hoort
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Community Involvement – Nikki Hoort

• Block Issues – Board members were directed to Barb’s staff report.

• Education – Jan Earl expressed that the transition of GRCC taking over the former Davenport campus was going well. Though night classes won’t start on the GRCC East Campus for another year, neighbors have not reported any traffic or parking issues to date. GRCC is graciously opening their campus for HHA’s entire schedule of annual events.

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HHA Board meeting schedule - The HHA Executive Committee recommended that the monthly Board meetings be changed to the third Wednesday of the month beginning in January 2010. Discussion included personal schedules and meeting place availability. MSP unanimously to change the meeting time as proposed.

Treasurer’s Report / Finance Committee: Tom Czerwinski reported that while things looked good as of the end of September, the proceeds from Home Tour were down $9,000 and there would not be a way to make this up yet in 2009. Tom also reported that as the budget has been short the last two years as well, the association has been dipping into its reserves. Members discussed ArtPrize as being the main reason for the huge decline in Home Tour attendance this year and discussed the possibility of not having Home Tour at the same time as ArtPrize in 2010. The fundraising committee stated that the association will probably initiate various fundraisers such as Texas Hold’em events to try make up some of this deficit.

Staff Reports: Discussion of both reports included: 1) Neighbor contact information captured at neighborhood watch meetings. 2) Problems in the State Street area reduced this summer.

3) Task Force Meeting and Pledge Calling to be scheduled in November
4) The Board agreed to send a letter of opposition to the city commission concerning the proposed adoption of the IPMC housing code.
5) Spectrum Health has withdrawn the application to demolish the buildings of the former Rite Aid and Red Geranium without explanation.
6) The RAPID will be holding community meetings next week concerning the Silver Line: stakeholders’ meetings will follow this series of meetings.

7) The RAPID will also be holding forums in November for input in preparing its 20-year master plan.

Community Involvement – Nikki Hoerst
– Progress on Goals and Objectives – Nikki reported that the committee will meet before the November board meeting and provide a report then.

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

– Annual Meeting / Holiday Potluck – Jane passed around a sign-up sheet for board members to volunteer for needed tasks.

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– Preservation – Jaime Misner announced that the national Historic Preservation Conference will be in Grand Rapids next year.

– Zoning/Grand Rapids – Jane Lottet reminded that she has been attending all meetings, the last to be held Oct. 21st. Mike Clark announced that he will be attending an upcoming Zoning Appeals Board meeting and commenting on recent variance request decisions within Heritage Hill.

Administrative – Mike Clark
– Progress on Goals and Objectives – Mike reported that progress is good.

– Institutional Liaisons – Jan Earl stated that it is time to set an update meeting with Saint Mary’s Justin Feles commented that Lacks Enterprises had held its 1st Annual 5K Walk in the neighborhood to raise funds for the cancer center.

– Nominating – Mike reminded the board that the deadline for candidates to submit their

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- Personnel – Jackie Taylor reported that she will be meeting with Jan before the November board meeting.

Funding – Jackie Taylor

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Nikki Hoort
135 Lafayette NE

I am seeking re-election to the Heritage Hill Association Board in order to continue working on the projects I’ve been committed to the past several years as a board member.

As co-chair of the 2nd annual Garden Tour, I see potential growth over the next several years, and want to stay involved during its developmental stages. I am a member of the Heritage Hill Board of Directors and a member of the marketing committee for Heritage Hill annual events with plans that include broadening the attendance in the Grand Rapids area for the Heritage Hill Tour. Also, I want to participate in organizing marketing strategies for new events that are being planned to benefit our community.

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Vicki Hudson
250 Morris SE

When we moved to this house in 1980, I was already quite active in Heritage Hill. I had participated on the education, promotion, and executive committees, but the addition of three children to our family in five years, plus three part-time jobs, and hours volunteering in my kids’ schools and sports activities simply sucked up all my time. The kids have all grown and pretty much gone, but when I stand on the front porch of my now-too-big house and see my neighbors, I feel I still have lots of family around. And I still have many of the same interests. Schools and education are, and will always be, critical anchors to the residential quality that makes this a neighborhood instead of a district. My employer, Grand Rapids Community College, will add a new dimension of education here, too. HH and GRCC have a lot in common. Both are made up of outstanding people who have an interest in strengthening the core city and the people and businesses within it. In my capacity as assist communications director for the school, I would welcome the opportunity to be a conduit between the two entities. Those same communications skills could be put to work promoting the importance balance of Heritage Hill as an historic district and as a cool place where real people live. I would be excited to be a part of the changes that are coming right in our backyard, as area medical and educational institutions work together to create new paths toward the future, as the practicality of urban transit options unfold, and as Heartside and the arena add exciting vitality to life here - right within walking distance from our lovely, leafy streets. We really are in the catbird seat! But there is one other project that, at least right now, doesn’t lend itself to such zippy imagery: the dead State Street corridor. It has so much potential, but we will want to be vigilant about what develops there. I also think we need to be mindful of how the increase of rentals (due to slow home sales) is increasing our density again. I feel we need to focus on our future and not bore you with too many stories about how it used to be.

Previous HH activity: 26 tours, past board member and officer, original Festival food booth team, wrote first walking tour brochure, progressive dinner proponent and participant, committee to create Henry Annex (later called Heritage CDC), fan.

Ring My Bell …

How annoying…that front doorbell only works from time to time, and you never know whether someone is there. You don’t want to call an electrician for such a small job. It’s often a quick fix - just replace the exterior button. Doorbell systems operate at a low voltage, so you really can’t get a shock. You also can’t damage the system by attempting a repair. Give it a try.

Check out the front button and loosen a few screws holding it to the door frame. If the button is recessed into the wood, carefully pry it from the hole with a putty knife or pocket knife. The wires can be delicate, so be careful not to damage them - and don’t give the wires a hard tug.

Once you have found the wires, remove them from the screws on the switch. Touch the two wires together. If you get the ‘ding’, every time you touch the wires together, you have found the problem. Just go to the hardware store and find a similar replacement switch, attach the wires and install the switch.

It’s really that simple. Most doorbell failures can be traced to the exterior button, which is exposed to the weather and takes a beating. Before you replace it, try to identify the problem. Most doorbell failures can be traced to the exterior button, which is exposed to the weather and takes a beating. Before you replace it, try to identify the problem.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS
Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Incentives

Cold weather is approaching and we are allJ „swooning over last minute projects and looking for ways to make our homes more energy efficient without breaking the bank. Both financial and technical information exists, that may benefit owners of historic buildings in generating repairs and energy efficiency. The federal and state governments want to encourage the preservation of historic buildings by offering assistance through various programs and educational tools. Two very popular and effective tools are the federal and state historic preservation income tax programs.

The Michigan historic preservation tax credit is a state income tax or small business credit of 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures and is available to qualifying income and non-income producing properties. The federal historic preservation tax credit is a 20% federal income tax credit for substantial rehabilitation expenditures for qualifying income producing properties. The federal credits are minimal for the State producing properties.

The Michigan historic preservation tax credit offers educational products such as the Preservation Briefs; a series of booklets designed to teach property owners the ins and outs of historic structures. For example, Preservation Brief 3 specifically addresses energy conservation and historic buildings. These briefs can be obtained free through the Grand Rapids Planning Department or via the National Park Service – Preservation Briefs website: www.nps.gov/history/bmp/briefs/brief3.html

For more information please contact Rhonda Baker - Grand Rapids Planning Department – 616-456-3451 or rbaker@grcity.us. All tax credit programs are administered through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office. See the web site for details and applications forms: www.michigan.gov/had/0,1607,7-160-18833-500.html

The Heritage Hill Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting Happens December 4

The Association extends a special welcome to all new neighbors to join us experienced neighbors as we gather together from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the GRCC East Campus the same place as always in case you missed that GRCC is now the owner of the former Davenport campus.)

Thanks to Martha’s Vineyard, we will have plenty of beverage for toasting. Thanks to Jame Lovett for catching your LOCAL FIRST button and getting 9 local restaurants to donate plate lunches to the buffet line; Thanks to The Green Wolf, Big O’s, Electric Cheetah, the Winchester Pub, One Trick Pony, Cherry Deli, GRFD and GRFDF for participating in this mini taste of Heritage Hill. And thanks to you for still bringing your own neighborhood specialty to the table. Jolly Santa will parade the kids to the North side of Sneden Hill for some holiday fun while we mature kids take part in the Association’s annual meeting.

The HHA Annual Meeting... is the time to recognize neighbors for their 2009 service to Heritage Hill. It is also time to plan for next year with the 2010 HHA Board of Directors Election ... There are five 3-year terms up for election. Five candidates have provided written notice of their candidacy to the 2010 HHA Board of Directors per the HHA Bylaws’ required notification. With five five candidates for five openings, it really only needs one vote to accept the slate.

Child Care and Activities ... Four Santa’s helpers will be on hand to assist children visiting Santa and oversee bingo games and ornament decorating. If you have very small children who want to see Santa, please accompany your child if needed.

Come one and come all to the center of the Hill!!!!

Meet the 2010 HHA Board Candidates...

Kathi Barkan, Deb Bryker, Mike Clark, Nikki Hoort and Vicki Hudson

Kathi Barkan
253 Morris SE
What a wonderful neighborhood we live in. The Heritage Hill community is the pride of downtown Grand Rapids, and I am very proud to be a member of the HHA Board of Directors. I have been a home owner in Heritage Hill for the past twenty two years and have been actively involved in the Heritage Hill Board for the past six years. Over the past years I have served as Secretary of the Executive Board, Chaired the Education and the Neighborhood Issues Liaison Committees, worked on and Co-Chaired the Garden Tour, and needless to say been very involved in all facets of the organization.

Hard to believe, but my work is not done. I look forward to Co-Chairing the Garden Tour this coming year with Nikki Hoort and being re-elected the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors. Thanks for your support.

Deb Bryker
6601 36th Ave. - Hudsonville
Heritage Hill has a richness about it, not only for the wonderful homes, but more importantly for the people living in their neighborhoods. I have been privileged to work alongside neighbors as a part of the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors this past year. During the year I have participated in fund raising for the Garden Tour and Home Tour, and most recently had our two Lafayette properties on the Tour. I have been a landlord in Heritage Hill since 1986. These experiences have allowed me to learn to appreciate the uniqueness and quality of life in the Hill. I would love to continue my participation on the Board to further the purpose of the Association in building a healthy, historic community

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Now is the time to celebrate the year’s accomplishments. Put each other on the back and look forward to next year’s opportunities.

Gratitude to all that made a difference on your block and in your neighborhood! It is you that make Heritage Hill a very special place to live.

Energize because we have a lot to do next year! City services are going to require all of us working together. Think of ways that you and your neighbors can help keep your neighborhood great!

Wishing for engagement of everyone in 2010!

Jan Earl

Enjoy the upcoming holidays! Start the season by coming to the Association’s Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting and enjoying the company of your neighbors and co-horts!

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DATES TO REMEMBER
All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Friday, December 4th, 2009, 6-9 pm
Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting
GRCC Campus (Davenport)
Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall
415 East Fulton
Office Closed December 24 - January 3
We'll be back January 4, 2010
Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, January 20th, 2010*
HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
GRCC Campus (Davenport)
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*2010 Board Meetings will be held
the third WEDNESDAY of the month

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GRCC East Campus – 415 E Fulton
Use the former Davenport University parking lot entrance on
Fountain – enter the Welcome Center and turn to your left

Holiday Fun:
6:00 p.m. - Potluck: Please bring a
dish to pass. HHA will supply the rest.
7:25 p.m. – For Kids: Santa arrives
with treats for the young.
7:30 p.m. – Annual Meeting: HHA
Board elections and 2009
Distinguished Service Awards.

Thanks to Grand Rapids Community College and Martha’s Vineyard for
supplying the hospitality and holiday cheer!

Special treats will be on hand from
The Green Well, Big O’s, Electric
Cheetah, the Winchester Pub, One
Trick Pony, Cherry Deli, GRFD
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