

Heritage Herald

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The Newsletter of Heritage Hill

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You are invited to the
**2013 Heritage Hill
Holiday Potluck
& Annual Celebration**

Thursday, December 5, 2013

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

GRCC DeVos Campus - 415 E Fulton

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- GRCC Gated Lot - close to the building but you will need to pay since this is student parking.
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FESTIVITIES:

6:00 p.m. - Holiday Potluck

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for the community table, HHA will supply the rest.

7:00 p.m. - For Kids:

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7:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting:

HHA 2014 Board elections and
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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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Heritage Hill Stars

Heritage Hill welcomes Bill Manns, the new CEO of Mercy Health Saint Mary's to the neighborhood. Several neighbors along with Jan Earl, Heritage Hill's Executive Director, shook hands with Bill at a recent meeting at the hospital. It was a casual "get to know one another" in which the conversation expressed a mutual desire to continue close relations and to work together to improve the neighborhood and its relationship with Mercy Health Saint Mary's. Bill stated that he loves the old homes and architecture on display in Heritage Hill, so much so, that he and his wife searched for a home in the Hill but were unable to find one in time for their move. Bill states that they are still interested in a home in the Hill and we pledged to help him find one that is a good fit for him and his family.

The doors are open once again at the corner of Washington and Lafayette, the former Christ Scientist Church, now as the new Cornerstone Church led by Pastor Alex Fernandez. Pastor Fernandez recently attended a Heritage Hill board meeting and says they love their new location and the building they now call home. Cornerstone Church, which is not affiliated with Cornerstone University, is said to be a modern church using contemporary music, video and internet technology and an inclusive philosophy that Heritage Hill residents will find appealing. We have met with several members of the church in recent weeks and they express a strong desire to be involved in our community and helpful to the Association. We welcome Cornerstone Church to the Hill and appreciate the vibrant life and energy they bring to the community.

Innovation Central High School has been in full swing for nearly 3 months now and the students are a welcome sight to the north hill sidewalks. Central High School graduated its last traditional high School class earlier this year; this fall they launched the career-focused Centers of Innovation Schools of Health, Science and Technology along with programs in business, design, leadership and entrepreneurship. The school's director, Gideon Sanders, has been reaching out to the Heritage Hill Community to create involvement and a partnership to give students and residents an opportunity to grow and learn from each other. The community is invited to participate in the Parent / Teacher Community Council which meets monthly at the High School. For more details about meeting dates, times and exact locations call: 616-819-5985.

Hard to believe as it may be, the holidays are upon us. Hopefully your storm windows are in, you've found your gloves and tuck (scarf) and oh, yeah ... that dreaded snow shovel relegated to the corner of the basement for the summer months. While these may or may not be the happiest of thoughts depending on your perspective of winter, we do have the Heritage Hill Annual Meeting and Holiday Potluck to look forward to on Thursday, December 5th at GRCC. Great food, beverage, people, conversation ... all this plus Santa. What's not to like! Come join us in connecting with old friends and making some new ones!

-Jim Payne
President, HHA



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Start the Holidays in Neighborhood Style at the Potluck and Annual Meeting December 5th

We gather together on Thursday, December 5 to celebrate our collective 2013 accomplishments and holiday season. We extend a special welcome to all new neighbors to join all "experienced" neighbors from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the GRCC Campus at 415 East Fulton. Please come!

Thanks to *Martha's Vineyard*, we will have plenty of beverages for toasting 2013 neighborhood accomplishments; Thanks to our near Heritage Hill restaurants for providing samplings of favorite offerings: **Greenwell, Marie Catrib's, The Winchester, Electric Cheetah, Jonny B'z, Grove, Brewery Vivant, Kangaroo Kitchen, Raad's, Cherie Inn, Brick Road Pizza and G.R.P.D.** And thanks to you for providing your own "dish to pass" to the community table. Jolly **Santa** is coming and taking lists while we mature kids take part in the Association's annual meeting.

The HHA Annual Meeting ...Is the time to recognize neighbors for their 2013 service to Heritage Hill. It is also time to plan for next year with the **2014 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 2014 HHA Board of Directors per the HHA Bylaws' required notification. With five candidates seeking five openings, one vote is needed to accept the slate.

Child Care and Activities ... Santa's helpers from Innovation Central's R.O.T.C will be on hand to assist children visiting Santa and oversee games and crafts. If

you have very small children who want to see Santa, please accompany your child.

Come one and come all to the North Pole of the Heritage Hill!!!!

Meet the 2014 HHA Board Candidates: Stephanie Kolbe, Marie Koster, Mary Robinson, Charles Roelofs and Deanna Smith. Each has provided the following statement concerning their service to the Heritage Hill Association and neighborhood:

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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.



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Stephanie (Jagusch) Kolbe
334 State Street SE

I am very passionate about Heritage Hill and I am committed to the area. I love the architecture and the history of each building, as well as the camaraderie of diversified neighbors. My husband and I bought a small duplex in the southern half of Heritage Hill in late 2010 and we have been working since to make the house look loved once again and instill much of the historic charm that was stripped away over the years. Our hard work was featured during the 2012 Heritage Hill Tour of Homes, as a never-before-toured home. We currently live in the lower unit and have tenants in the upper unit. We are active in the community and you may even spot us walking in the Hill with our 1.5 year old gray-speckled Great Dane named Kermit. Be sure to say hi!

Marie Louise Koster
553 Paris Avenue SE

Living in the Heritage Hill neighborhood has been a passion since I moved to Grand Rapids in 1987. To have the opportunity to serve on this board would be a dream of a lifetime. The community has opened its arms to our family and we are proud to call you neighbors and friends.

After opening our home to the tour last year, we immediately wanted to be a part of the tour committee and have made friends that make us love living here even more. If you would allow me the honor to serve on this board, I will promise to be an active and willing participant in maintaining and expanding the history and heritage of our community.

Mary Robinson
220 Union Avenue SE

Change happens from the ground up. If people want to see change in their communities, they need to start with their home, their block, their neighborhood. Heritage Hill is a great example of that attitude about change.

We bought a home here in 1987. Since then, we've raised two kids, made good friends and supported our community by our involvement in our block and neighborhood. I served on the HHA board from 1987 - 1994 and again since 2009. I serve on the Community Involvement liaison group and the Neighborhood Safety Task Force. I also served on the HHA Zoning Committee for 15 years.



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Charles Roelofs
572 College Avenue SE

I work in development for the Acton Institute, and I would like to put my non-profit management and fundraising experience into service for the association. I have lived in Heritage Hill since 2009, but my family has been involved since its inception. I've helped regularly with the Texas Hold'Em fundraisers and I'm chairing those efforts this year.

Since moving to the neighborhood, my wife and I have purchased and started to restore two long-neglected properties - a single-family and a duplex. The already high cost of maintaining our homes per historic regulations is increasing while the pool of available state and federal subsidies for this preservation work is decreasing. I'm concerned about the potential long-term negative effects of this. I want to learn more about what is being done in other historic districts across the country to address this issue and work on putting those ideas into practice for our neighborhood.

Some additional notes about me: I have a B.A. in Economics from Hillsdale College and I regularly volunteer as a mediator at the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan. My wife, Chelsea, and I have a 1-year-old son and are expecting our second child, a daughter, this January.

Deanna Smith
346 Morris Avenue SE

Our family moved to Heritage Hill a year ago after 10 years in vibrant East Hills where I experienced first-hand what can happen when residents care not only for their own property but also for the welfare of their neighbors, businesses, and green spaces.

I am a Master Gardener who has volunteered in beautification projects and community gardening. I also recently worked with a campaign to lobby for passage of the Farm Bill. Over the last 20 years, I have served on various committees in schools and at church, including planning large-scale events.

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Barb Lester, Nakia Moore, Hannah Earl and Tim, Cordelia Daniels, Charles Roelofs (Event Chairperson), Steve Yared, Mary Robinson, Tom Simmons, Rena Sims, Maria Zache, Jim Starkey, Faite Mack and Javier and Chelsea Roelofs for helping us to raise nearly \$3,000 in November.

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"Not our fault": Once again neighbors are having trouble filing claims while all companies involved tell them that it is the "other" company's fault. **Consumers Energy** lines in core city neighborhoods are often 50 years old or older and they seem to be failing often when anything brings two lines together.

If there is interest, the Heritage Hill Association will organize a resident group to address the problem. There are likely to be neighborhoods all over the city who

are suffering the same poor response to problems like ours. Until the meeting, please keep records of dates the damages occurred, describe the situation that created the damage, when and who you contacted for assistance or claim, and their response to you.

Give us a call at 459-8950 to get on the list for the meeting that will likely occur after the holidays.



444 Union SE: New home to replace burn out.

New House Plans Ok'd for 444 Union SE: The city approved plans for the new home on the 400 block of Union. Ground was broken on November 4. Neighbors are excited to see the bulldozers tearing into the earth. According to the builder our new neighbor is accustomed to city living and is looking forward to moving to Heritage Hill.

New Condos on Prospect NE: Work is progressing for **616 Development's**

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578 Madison SE: Welcome (new) home!

Ground broken at Madison and Pleasant SE: Another new home is a work-in-progress. A vacant lot at 578 Madison SE will soon have a new home and new neighbors as "occupants." Welcome home!



316 Wealthy SE: "Little Jacks" store demolished.

Good Bye Little Jack's: The former convenience store at 316 Wealthy SE was demolished on Friday, November 1st. The store was not a favorite with nearby neighbors due to a history of nuisance type incidents and occasional suspicious activity.

Stuyvesant Makeover: Neighbors

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and residents of the 87-unit Stuyvesant Apartment building on the corner of Cherry and Madison SE welcome the new owner, Eagle Point Development of E. Portland, MA, that is coordinating a complete make-over for the interior of the building.

The new manager, Mary Gleason, has knocked on every door and introduced herself to tenants at several community meetings at the building.

We welcome Mary and her staff to the Hill.

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We won't forget...

Mike Chielens, our friend and neighbor on the 500 block of Morris SE, passed away on November 2 with his wife Jan Earl and daughter Hannah, holding his hands in theirs. Neighbor Judy Jorgenson of the 200 block of Madison SE says, "We've all lost a friend and a true believer who packed a lot of living into his too-short life. It was my pleasure to know him."

Mike served as a legal aid attorney and Director of Legal aid of Western Michigan. His life work was protecting the poor, and by example, he became a mentor for dozens of other young attorneys who worked with and for him. His Detroit roots run deep so Mike's buddies from his school days joined several hundred local friends and family members to say good bye with both tears and laughter.

Gert Calmese, Mike and Jan's neighbor on Morris reminisced, "Every morning when I was out working on the grass, I would hear: "Hi, Gert!" When I looked up, it was always Mike, either leaving for work or taking out the trash. I am going to miss my "Hi, Gert!" very much."

We at the Heritage Hill office considered Mike a good friend who was willing to share a bit of tenant rights law when we needed it, to provide free legal advice, to give some good investment advice (which proved invaluable), or to share a very funny story.

As Judy said, it was our pleasure to know him. We join Jan and Hannah in mourning his loss but forever remembering our dear friend, Mike Chielens.



The HHA E-Mail Bag:

"Our new neighbor told us that on the Tuesday before Halloween, he was sitting on his side porch as it poured rain around 10:30PM. He saw a group of 5 youths walking down the street. One in the center of the street, checking all the cars doors, the other 2 on both sides of

the boulevard, again checking car doors. They circled around a van as though something was open. He said he got up and yelled, "Get away from that car," and they scattered. What we found interesting is that it was pouring rain, and still they were looking systematically for anybody who didn't lock their cars."

"My oldest son reported last week that everything in his car had been moved but he keeps nothing of value in it, so nothing was taken. He thought he always locks his car, but there was no sign of forced entry so he must not have."

Package Theft: A neighbor called the HHA office on November 13 to report someone had stolen a package containing a new phone just delivered by Fed Ex. In less than ten minutes after it was delivered someone stole it from the porch. The packaging was strewn down the block as if the thief walked away casually unwrapping his "prize." The day before a neighbor on that same block called police to report that a man walked up on a porch and looked through some things. The neighbor scared him away. He was in his 40's and wore a brown jacket and camo pants.

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Stolen goods returned to owner: In late August a woman called Heritage Hill to report that a friend had a large bag of hair cutting and styling tools stolen from her car. The victim was starting a new job and suddenly had no tools of her trade. The experience was devastating for her. Friends and family tried to help but no one could afford to replace the nearly \$5000 worth of expensive clippers, shears and other tools and she had no renters insurance.

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same block, who found a large blue bag under a pine tree in her backyard. She recalled our E-Alert describing the theft and called us to see if we could get the

styling and cutting tools back to the owner. When told her bag and tools were found, the victim of the theft burst into tears of joy. Even with rain over the last

months everything was in relatively good condition.

Holiday Safety: Beginning with the shopping season the city often sees an increase in home burglaries. Thieves know we are purchasing new electronics and other desirable gifts for family and friends.

- Break down the boxes of expensive items and turn the pictures inside out in the recycle cart.
- Close your blinds if you display gifts in your living room.
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*Barb Lester
Community Organizer*



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Board Notes

Discussion at the September, 2013 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Leave of Absence Request:

Members voted unanimously to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve Maria Zache's unpaid leave from November 18, 2013 to March 17, 2014.

Grand Rapids Parks Millage:

Discussion included details of the millage, including that the city cannot decrease current funding of parks and that the money will be used for pools, shelters and infrastructures first, then moving on to programs. The board voted unanimously to endorse and support the parks millage in the upcoming November election. The Board's endorsement will be in the upcoming Herald and on the Association's website in addition to any YESGR Parks committee's use.

Public / Guest Comment:

Commander Buitendyk provided an overview of the R.O.T.C. program, including affiliation with the Army, various duties and the requirement to be active in the community. The suggestion was made for the cadets to be involved with Home Tour and for Gideon Sanders to be the liaison. Mr. Sanders also suggested that HHA and GRPS could cross-promote some of their goals with other segments of the student population, for instance with the architecture students and possible architectural tours in the neighborhood.

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie T. commented that the 990 federal form was in the correspondence files for review. Jackie also commented that it is possible that the income could exceed the budget overall for the year and that everyone is still working to keep expenses down.

Staff Reports:

Members were directed to Jan and Barb's reports. Jan E. was asked if the Association works with a city code enforcement project that pays a small stipend. Code Enforcement staff cannot be used as a tool. We work on code enforcement daily and critical cases require city staff enforcement.

Committee/Liaison reports:

Fundraising – Deb Bryker

Home Tour: The steering committee will have its first meeting for 2014 on September 25th.

Heritage Hill Wine, Hops, Art, Music

(WHAM): Mary R. reported that the event was a great success, raising approximately over \$6,100. Mary thanked everyone for participating, including Tansy, for the many Facebook entries. Peter A. commented that the event was also a

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"friend-raising" event, as the social and fun aspects were in great quantity. The art and drawings did very well; Mary also commented that improvements could be made with more food, printed name tags, more focus on art and more publicity of the wine "deals" and the percentage of

wine sales going to HHA. The committee will meet for a post mortem.

Land Use – Vicki Hudson

Housing: Members were directed to Barb's report.

Parks: Jan E. relayed that the Pleasant Park construction bids came in over

budget and the Steering Committee is considering several options to ensure the park is completed by August of 2014. The construction proposal will be adjusted and a request for bids will be sent out soon. The August 2014 is an absolute deadline in order to retain promised funds from the State DNR.

Traffic and Parking: The street/sewer construction continues on Washington and Lafayette and will be coming soon to south College Ave.

Preservation and Zoning, Michigan Corridor, Bed and Breakfast ordinance change: Jan E. commented that the Little Jack's building on Wealthy St. has been approved for demolition and that the funding from the state will be forthcoming. Jan also reported that Rick Bylsma will be before Zoning to request an additional dwelling unit to be added to the carriage house at 504 College SE. The HHA Zoning Committee has met with Rick and will be providing a recommendation for Board action.

Jackie T. reported that the former Grand Rapids Press building will be a research facility for MSU.

Vicki H. stated that she is writing a story for the Herald to educate neighbors about the changes in the zoning code as they apply to bed and breakfasts. Vicki also plans a follow-up article to outline further changes in the bed and breakfast zoning language itself as well as license requirements.

Community Involvement – Steph Eckley

Education: Mr. Sanders commented about the excitement concerning the new programs at GRPS. He also reported that the superintendent seems to be committed to the demolition of the former City High building at Fountain and College, though there will still be discussion with neighbors about this matter.

Hospitality: The Community Involvement committee will meet to discuss possible locations for the Annual Meeting as HHA is potentially out-growing the lecture hall space at GRCC.

Administrative – Jim Payne

Fund Development: Jim P. stated that that this area needs to be revisited / re-energized in the area of corporate sponsors.

Finance: The Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss the creation of a Legacy or Endowment Fund.

Institutional Liaisons: Jan and several neighbors met with Mary Free Bed and were given an overview of the new building and a tour of the full campus.



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A meeting with Mercy Health Saint Mary's and its new President will likely be scheduled for October. Jim Payne commented that he had attended the open house for the offices of the Notawaseppi Huron band of the Potawatomi and that they have very nice facilities. Nominating/Personnel: Jim reported that the committee is actively working on recruiting.

Discussion at the October, 2013 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Public / Guest Comment: Gideon Sanders requested that the R.O.T.C. students have a Toys for Tots collection box at the beginning of the Holiday Potluck. Steph E. also asked if the R.O.T.C. students could be Santa's Helpers for the event.

Treasurer's Report: Jackie T. commented that as of the end of September, it was a good report. Barb will be planning pledge calling and there are three Texas Hold 'Em events yet this year, as well as some wine proceeds from Art of the Table.

Staff Reports: Members were directed to Jan and Barb's reports. Jan E. reported on the Parking Services meeting she had attended 10/16/13. A hearing will be held on November 12th at the city commission meeting concerning a proposed city ordinance for residential permit parking. Once the ordinance is adopted, neighborhood associations will act for neighbors who would like to have permit parking on their street. There will be a minimum of three contiguous blocks participating and 60% of neighbors need to agree. A parking study will then be completed and the hours for restricted parking are flexible. Commuter permits will also be sold; the program will be self-funded through fees.

Also at the November 12th meeting, the city commission will hold a public hearing concerning Air B&B's and the city's licensing requirements and bed and breakfast ordinance language. Jan also reported that the Little Jack's Party Store at 316 Wealthy St. SE has been demolished.

Barb L. provided details concerning the State Senate Bill 313 that would limit Housing Code Inspections to up to once in ten years. The Neighborhood Coalition has met and voted to send a letter opposing the bill.

The Neighborhood Coalition is also discussing a challenge the city's noise ordinance by a local business that

has received multiple noise violation citations.

Committee/Liaison reports:

Fundraising – Deb Bryker

Home Tour: Three houses are secured and the steering committee is scheduled to meet again 11/18/13.

Heritage Hill Wine, Hops, Art, Music (WHAM): The committee had a very good post mortem meeting; great ideas were

shared for a future event.

Texas Hold 'Em: There is a new schedule for the November 1-3 event; both Charles Roelofs and the HHA office are actively seeking volunteers.

Land Use – Vicki Hudson

Housing: Members were directed to Barb's report.

Traffic and Parking: See Jan's Staff Report
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State Street: Barb L. reported that a State Street Safety Executive Committee Meeting will be held 10/29/13.

Preservation and Zoning, Michigan Corridor: Vicki H. reported that she had just come from the Michigan Corridor Planning meeting and that the Business Association is happy with how things are going. At Michigan and Plymouth, a parking lot has already been put in according to the plan. 616 Development is looking to put in a hotel on Eastern, the proposed drive-through Starbucks was turned down, the Dog Wash is open, as are the apartments near the former Miller Zylstra. A new, 200-unit apartment complex is being proposed on and near the current Wendy's restaurant site.

Community Involvement – Steph Eckley Education: Gideon Sanders again stressed the importance of partnerships between the schools and neighborhoods.

Hospitality: The committee has met and has planned the to-do lists for the event.

Social Media: The HHA Facebook page now has 783 Likes.

Administrative: – Jim Payne

Fund Development / Finance: The Finance Committee met and created a draft version of an outline for an Legacy Fund. The committee will meet again and finalize the draft and then send it to the Executive Committee and the board after the 2014 budget has been approved.

Institutional Liaisons: A meeting is scheduled on 10/29/13 with Saint Mary's to meet the new President, Bill Manns.

Nominating/Personnel: Jackie Taylor, Stephanie Kolbe and Mary Robinson will run again; Charles Roelofs is also running, leaving one seat to fill.

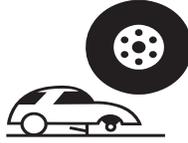
New Business: Gideon Sanders from GRPS also provided updates about the Innovation Central program, including a rake-a-thon, new signage and 5 by 5 events. Mr. Sanders also commented that GRPS is looking for a HHA representative to participate in the parent involvement group / family nights.

The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third WEDNESDAY of every month at the Mercy Health / Saint Mary's campus, either in the Hauenstein or Wege centers. Please call the office (459-8950) or visit the website (www.heritagehillweb.org) to confirm the exact meeting room. 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 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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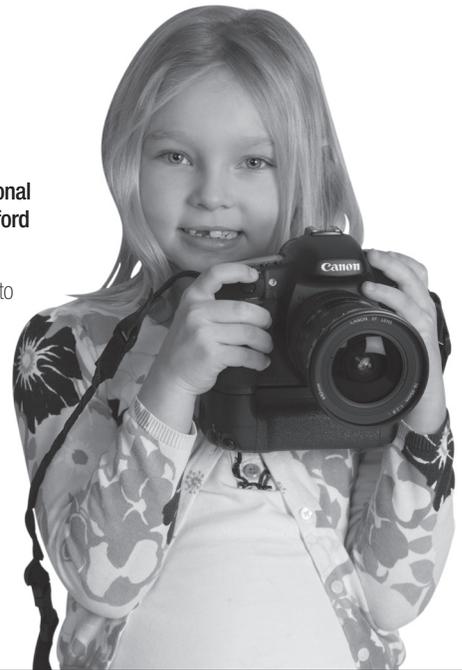
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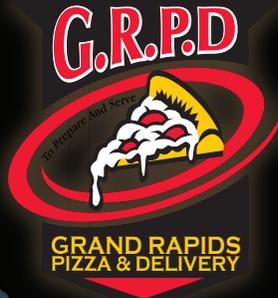
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Wednesday, January 15, 2014
HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 pm.

Saint Mary's Health Care
Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
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Saint Mary's Health Care
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