Come celebrate with your Heritage Hill neighbors and friends!

2014 Holiday Potluck & Annual Celebration

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014
6:00 pm TO 9:00 pm
GRCC DeVos Campus – 415 E Fulton

Use the parking lot entrance on Fountain - (there's a $2.00 fee to park in GRCC's lot).
Enter the Welcome Center and turn to your left.

Eat, Drink and Applaud Merrily:

6:00 p.m. - Holiday Potluck: Please bring a dish to pass for the community table. HHA will supply the rest.

7:00 p.m. - For Kids: Santa arrives with treats for the young.

7:30 p.m. - Annual Meeting: HHA 2015 Board elections and 2014 Distinguished Service Awards.

Local Taste Treats from:
Brewery Vivant, Electric Cheetah,
Ferris Coffee and Nuts,
Grand Rapids Pizza Delivery (GRPD)
The Green Well Gastro Pub,
Marie Catrib’s, Making Thyme,
and other Downtown Market restaurants.

Innovation Central will be staffing a Toy for Tots bin and welcomes donations.

Thanks to Grand Rapids Community College and Martha’s Vineyard for supplying the hospitality and holiday cheer! Also thanks to our local restaurants for adding their specialities.
Purpose:
The purpose of the Heritage Hill Association is to provide neighbors a way of collectively building a healthy, historically preserved community in which people can live and work in a secure and stable environment.

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The Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors meets at 7 pm the third Wednesday of each month at the Hauenstein Center - H1 Community Room at Mercy Health Saint Mary’s. The meeting is open to the public.

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Applause to all who worked for Heritage Hill in 2014. Whether big or small, we all contributed. If you’ve yet to do so, you still have a month.

Play in the leaves, play in the snow, play at Pleasant Park - the power of play makes life a lot easier.

Be a participant on your block, in Heritage Hill and Grand Rapids. Your voice matters and working as a team makes good things happen!

Restore yourself, your space, your community and re-use what you can!

Energize those around you with a can-do spirit. Eeyore attitudes only exacerbate the gray winter days ahead.

Cheers to all who contribute to this great place we call home. And give cheers to all who are close to you every day.

*Invest in your community ... local dollars stay local. Shop and play in your neighborhood and Grand Rapids!*

*Activate others with good examples. Seeing good works motivates others to do the same.*

*Treasure all that makes you happy, everyday.*

*Engage in Heritage Hill ... it’s a great place to spend your time and energy.*

... and give thanks that we got through another year working together to make our neighborhood a great place to live and visit. On to 2015!

Jan Earl
We gather together on Tuesday, December 2nd to celebrate our collective 2014 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 2014 neighborhood accomplishments; Thanks to our near Heritage Hill restaurants for providing samplings of favorite offerings. 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 2014 service to Heritage Hill. It is also time to plan for next year with the 2015 HHA Board of Directors Election ...There are five, 3-year terms up for election. Eight candidates have provided written notice of their candidacy for the 2015 HHA Board of Directors per the HHA Bylaws’ required notification.

Who can Vote: All residents of Heritage Hill are eligible to vote. Your name and address is needed. Non-resident members are also eligible if membership dues are current.

Absentee ballots are available if you can’t attend the annual meeting. You can vote in advance at the HHA office, 126 College SE (M-Th, 9 am to 5 pm) or request an absentee ballot be mailed to you. Requests can be made by phone (459.8950) or email (heritage@heritagehillweb.org). Each absentee ballot must be requested by the individual voter.

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.

Toys for Tots ... That same R.O.T.C will be collecting Toys for Tots. If possible, please bring a toy for the Tots bin.

Please come one come all to the North Pole of Heritage Hill!!!!

Meet the 2015 HHA Board Candidates:
Peter Albertini, Mark Azkoul, Suzanne Dehaan, Teresa Dittmer, Ryan Huizenga, Mark Hutchison, Michelle Giordano, and Erin Shupe

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Each has provided their statement on Why they want to serve on the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors.

Peter Albertini
540 Prospect SE

Always passionate about serving the community in which I live, I have enhanced this passion by a very rewarding 3 years of service to the Heritage Hill Association Board. I continue to see many opportunities for Heritage Hill now and the immediate future in which I can be of useful service. I have been invested in Heritage Hill’s Friends and Sponsors campaign, orchestration of WHAM, and many land use issues throughout my tenure. In addition to Heritage Hill, I serve on the Grand Rapids Children’s Museum board (past president); Cherry Street Health Services Foundation Board; GR Downtown Rotary board (past president); GR Dominican Associates board; Spectrum Hospital Chaplains Office (Eucharistic minister) and the American Legion (lifetime member). I am always present, on time and awake!

Mark Azkoul
330 State SE

I have been connected with the Heritage Hill community for over 25 years. While we have not always called this neighborhood home, my wife and I have always been a part of it. Since 1992 we have operated our film and video design and production company at 330 State Street. We have watched and played a part in State Street’s early struggles and its new renaissance. Now as we begin to wind down our production company we are opening a new chapter in our lives. This past September we began the process of converting the commercial State Street building to a Work/Live residence. Renovation is just underway and we expect to be in by the first of the year.

I have always been strongly connected to the communities I live in. From my early involvement with the Grand Rapids Arts Festival (Festival Co-Chair 1993) to my various volunteer positions with many of the local Arts organizations to serving on several Ada Township board offices during my residence there. Now that my 25 year history with my studio on State Street is going to include my residence, I would like to further my involvement in the Hill.

Suzanne De Haan
573 Prospect Ave. SE

These past three years have gone quickly for me while serving on the Heritage Hill Association Board. I have learned so much and have met many fascinating people.

During my tenure, I have served on numerous committees. I work on the Land Use Committee with very knowledgeable neighbors. I have met new neighbors with questions concerning many different zoning topics and I have attend many meetings with developers who want to be part of our great neighborhood.

I am also on the Home Tour Committee. I work with many hard workers, was able to see many lovely homes and meet wonderful owners. I also served on the Garden Tour this past summer and, again, met people who truly have “green thumbs”. If you are wondering how you can become involved with the neighborhood, these are two wonderful events.

I can’t forget to mention how much fun I have working at our Holiday Potluck Dinner, assisting at our Neighborhood Night Out Picnic, and WHAM.

I never realized how much it takes to make such a great neighborhood until I became a board member. We are truly privileged to have such a professional and well informed staff. I am always amazed when I attend our monthly board meetings of all that takes place in our neighborhood. To me, being informed is very important. I also find the discussion that the board has concerning issues is very beneficial. Everyone tries to make the right decision in order to benefit our neighbors in the Heritage Hill District. All of these experiences have given me great insight of what it takes to make our neighborhood so successful. I would like to continue to serve another term on the board with my original goals from three years ago: to continue to be available to the residents of the hill, to listen to your concerns, answer your questions, and be your representative.

Teresa Dittmer
200 Jefferson Ave SE

I felt very honored when Stephanie Eckley of Mercy Health Saint Mary’s asked me if I would be interested in applying to be on Heritage Hill Association’s Board of Directors. I have worked for Mercy Health for four years and have very much enjoyed the organization and our surrounding community. I work in Strategic Planning, and also spend a lot of time advancing the patient experience, including leading our Patient Advisory Council. Also, I am finishing my master’s degree in Public Administration at Grand Valley State University. I would look forward to being the Mercy Health Saint Mary’s representative on the HHA Board.
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5 IN TOP 5: Five GRPS schools are in Michigan’s top 5% for academic performance. City High–Middle School (7–12th grade) is the top performing school in West Michigan and the only school to offer the coveted International Baccalaureate program. Others include Coit Creative Arts Academy (K–5th grade), 6th grade schools Blandford School, Zoo School, and the Center for Economicology @ City.

LEADING MONTESSORI THEME SCHOOLS: Grand Rapids Montessori serves students from preschool to 12th grade. North Park Montessori is expanding to serve grades PK–8 starting in the 2013-14 school year.

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Monday December 8th
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SNOW REMOVAL RULES:
The City requires that public sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours following the snowfall/event, by the owner of the property. Complaints regarding sidewalks that have not been cleared within this timeframe may now be submitted to GRCity 311 mobile applications (or you can simply dial 311 to provide the information).

The new GRCity311 makes it possible for anyone with an iPhone or Android Smartphone to report pot holes, graffiti, street light problems, and a wide range of other issues like snow-clogged sidewalks, from anywhere in the City’s service area. Citizens receive a ticket number allowing them to track progress and receive notice when the reported matter is resolved.

The application can be downloaded from the Android Market Place and the iPhone App Store. To download go to gcity.spotgov.com or follow on twitter @grandrapids311. (You must be on an android phone for the Android link to work.)

Before submitting a complaint, please wait at least 24 hours after the snowfall/event to give the property owner time to clear the sidewalk. This allows the City to focus its inspectors on valid complaints.

DOORS THAT HOLD UP TO KICKING:
Though home burglary is a diminishing crime in Grand Rapids and in Heritage Hill, we need good home security. Strong doorframes and deadbolt locks help keep out most thieves. There are a few who will try to kick a door. There is a product called a Door Devil that can help strengthen the door frame and the part of the door weakened by lock installation. You can check out the video on by googling the product. We are not recommending this particular product but like to let you know what is available.

Installing a high-security strike plate with very long screws (3”) also helps strengthen security if the door frame is in good shape. For a free Home Security Survey call the Heritage Hill office and set up an appointment. We look for ways to prevent easy entry burglaries at your home or apartment.

LEGAL HOTLINE FOR SENIORS: Many of the problems that worry people of age 60+ have a legal side to them. Call the Hotline for free help on: Social Security and Pensions, Medicare and Medicaid, Consumer Protection, Health Care, Wills and Probate, Bankruptcy and Debtor Protection or any other issue of concern, regardless of your income. Call 1-800-347-5297

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1. **Domestic Mediation Services:**
   Divorce mediation is a cooperative process that helps people make informed decision and develop mutually acceptable agreements on property division, debt, and parenting arrangements. When issues are resolved, a written agreement is developed by the mediator and signed by each party.

2. **Parenting Mediation:** Parents who learn to work cooperatively, instead of fighting against each other, create a healthier environment for their child and less stress for themselves. In mediation, a trained facilitator helps parents discuss and reach agreement on parenting time, discipline, religious upbringing, financial responsibility and education.

3. **Peaceful Conflict Resolution:** They help people who are frustrated, hurting or angry develop solutions to disagreements. Their highly trained mediators work with people who want to end disputes and move forward.

4. **Victim-Offender Mediation:** The restorative justice approach focuses on the harm caused and works toward restoring victims, offenders and communities. Offenders meet those they have wronged and are encouraged to understand, accept and carry out their obligations. When victims and offenders meet it can be beneficial for most types of offenses. Juvenile, adult, property or personal offenses. A facilitator guides a process that assures that each participant has the opportunity to be heard. The facilitator does not judge or determine an outcome.

5. **Michigan Special Education Mediation (MSEM):** The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act provides many tools for helping children with disabilities succeed in early childhood and in school. The Dispute Resolution Center in Grand Rapids offers mediation service on behalf of the MSEM. They help parents, educators, and service providers to resolve issues related to early intervention and special education.

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HQ joined the State Street corridor and hosted an open house on November 14 for a community tour of its center for homeless youth. The former office building at 320 State St. has been transformed to a welcoming center and presents a place that values the people it serves. HQ offers stability, life needs, instruction and counseling to vulnerable youth. HQ will officially open in early December and drop in hours are typically from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We welcome and look forward to building a solid relationship with the organization developed by Mars Hill Church and partnered with Arbor Circle.

GARBAGE DUMP: Someone dumped their home garbage in the barrel at Foster Park. It overflowed and sat for at least four days. The city will pick up this mess but dumping it can lead to the City removing the trash barrel. They can also check the garbage and track down the address where it came from.

REHAB IS PLANNED FOR FIRE-DAMAGED RENTAL: The city reports that the owner of 133 Union NE will be rehabbing the building which was damaged in a fire earlier this summer. Most of the damage was to a lower rear apartment. The owner will be removing

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siding that was put over the original wood siding many decades ago. He will repair and paint the exterior and has approval from Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to replace doors and windows with those that meet HPC standards for buildings of this period and design. We look forward to a renewal of 133 Union NE.

345 State Street is Upward Bound: The vacant two-story office building at 345 State Street SE will open for tenants next spring. Currently a second and third story are being prepared atop the main building. The old garage was taken down and parking will be rebuilt with two stories of apartments above that. There is a lot of interest from prospective tenants who want to live near downtown but also have the benefit of living in a neighborhood with green space available. They will enjoy a small courtyard between the buildings as well as Foster Park right across the street. More neighbors will add to a sense of community that will benefit State Street and the surrounding area. Welcome in advance!

Keep in touch,
Barb Lester
Community Organizer

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Board Notes

Discussion at the October, 2014 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Public Comment: Gideon Sanders of Innovation Central provided an update on the upcoming student trip to China to attend the APEC conference. Board members voted to fund the remaining $100 of the students’ costs. Mr. Sanders also reported that the Jr. ROTC cadets will be available for the WHAM event as parking lot attendants and greeters.

Information Items:

Treasurer’s Report: Mary R. strongly encouraged everyone to attend WHAM as well as bring other attendees. Discussion included the possibility of a phone-a-thon and development of the legacy fund and planned giving.

Staff Reports: Jan reported that there is recent interest in the north end for the residential parking program. She will be emailing information in hopes of soliciting street captains to circulate neighbor petitions.

Jan also reported that the Dyer-Ives Foundation has opened applications for a round two of its spend down and that Heritage Hill can seek another planning grant. Jan is exploring a grant outline for the implementation of the State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan.

Grand Rapids Forward and the DDA are starting a planning process that includes the Central High Campus; neighbor involvement will be a part of the process.

Jan attended the ribbon cutting for the Stuyvesant Apartment and was duly impressed with the renovations. The Stuyvesant now has a community room, library, computer room, and a Board room. HHA is likely to hold future board meetings at this location.
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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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WHAM Bam .... Thank You!

To our sponsors: Bryker Properties, Brewery Vivant, Consumers Energy, Coldwell Banker, CropMarks Printing, New Holland Brewery, Martha’s Vineyard and Womens’ City Club.

To our contributing Artists: Kathleen Blumreich, Mei Chow, Elaine Dalcher, Jan Earl, Rosemary Ellis, Charlie Forslund, Suzanne LaChance, Susan Ledy, Susie Logie, Jim O’Rourke, Kathy Peterson, Mary Ann Rutledge, Jim Starkey, and Camilla Tate.

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To the drawing Donors: Todd & Skye Hoort, TerryBerghuis, Kate Diedrich, and Stephanie Kolbe

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To the Steering Committee: Todd Hoort, Peter Albertini, Deb Bryker, Kate Diedrich, Jim Payne, Mary Robinson, and Deanna Smith
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support is needed with recruiting.

Community Involvement –

Hospitality/Annual Meeting: This event needs a Chairperson. Steph Eckley will send out the volunteer sign-up sheet for the December 2 event.

New Business – Lake Michigan Credit Union would like HH to promote a meet and greet with a new District Manager; members agreed to do this in the Herald.

Old Business – If any block clubs would like to meet with Community Officer Aaron Rossin, let Barb know.

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. If you would like to receive monthly Board agendas via email, please email us your request (heritage@heritagehillweb.org).

Welcome Tansy Harris to the HHA Staff

Tansy joined the HHA Staff in October. We are struggling with her exact title as she is sharing task of many - Maria’s, Barb’s and Wilhelmina’s (who has retired). Tansy brings great skills and energy to our neighborhood office. She currently works 15 hours a week and is adept in many arts including social media. She has the spark of a community organizer and has dramatically lowered the median age of the HHA staff.

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The City of Grand Rapids offers a drop-off site for residential yard waste.
City residents can drop-off leaves, brush, and tree branches at:

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The days of operation are Monday through Saturday during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The site is open from early April through mid December.
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To join, contact Tom Walker at office: 616 459 4064 or Cell: 616-560-5379.

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Besides the warm West Michigan welcome, I would like to encourage you to enjoy a great meal at any of the many locally owned restaurants. Many of these local establishments are committed to sourcing local produce, meat and other fine ingredients from Michigan farms in addition to using local packaging with the area’s economy in mind. You need not walk, ride or travel very far from your hotel to experience unique and varied tastes here in Grand Rapids – or what I like to call, Flavor Rapids.

Look for the “Local First” logo and be assured you are supporting a local business that, in turn, is supporting other local businesses in our community. This is just another way of supporting West Michigan business owners and the Grand Rapids economy.

Whether you are seeking a fine dining experience or a more value based meal, you are sure to find it here, and supporting local merchants just sweetens the deal.

Grand Rapids Pizza and Delivery is a locally based restaurant, located in the historic Heritage Hill district and part of the Local First community of merchants. Using family recipes and sourcing locally is not just an idea for us – it is how we do business. We are committed to making pizza, pasta, sauces, salads and sandwiches in line with that philosophy. At GRPD, we offer thick, thin and traditional crusts to go with our specially, gluten-free, pan and stuffed pizzas. We also provide a variety of sauce options that local folks have embraced. We would be honored to share these award-winning pizzas with you.

Our goal is to enhance your visit to our community and add to your Grand Rapids experience.

Be it dine-in, take-out, delivery or catering, we look forward to cooking for you.
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126 College SE
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Neighborhood Improvement & Public Safety organizing efforts of the Heritage Hill Association are in part funded by the City of Grand Rapids’ Community Development Block Grant Programs.

Thursday, December 4
Uptown Shop Hop, 4 pm to 10 pm.
Shop Local for the Holidays

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

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Holiday Potluck and Annual Meeting
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Santa comes; you should too!
Please bring a dish to pass; HHA will supply the rest
GRCC DeVos Campus
Robert Sneden Academic Building Lecture Hall - 435 East Fulton

Monday, December 9, 2014
GR Forward Planning
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Cornerstone Church (See page 9 for details.)
Heritage Hill Association office closed from December 22, 2014 through January 4, 2015
Happy Holidays to all!!!

2015 Dates:
All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
HHA Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Mercy Health Saint Mary’s Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
Cherry Street, between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues

Wednesday, February 18, 2015
HHA Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Mercy Health Saint Mary’s Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
Cherry Street, between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenue

Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th, 2015
2015 Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes

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