State Street Sparks – 
Exciting Prospects for this once Invisible Corridor

Times are changing for State Street. This somewhat invisible corridor and link between Heritage Hill, Downtown and Uptown is coming out of the shadows. From visioning to reality, State Street has a bright future.

- The Association’s State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan is currently in the City’s approval process as an overlay zone to the City’s Master Plan.
- The DDA revised its street revitalization plans to include bricks and bike lines. This work is targeted in the section between Lafayette and Jefferson and is a great gift to State Streets renewal.
- The Heritage Hill Association was just awarded funds from the Dyer Ives Foundation to organize the Area Specific Plan’s implementation. This 2-year organizing effort will grow relationships between all State Street stakeholders/neighbors and recruit and nurture a State Street Steering Committee that will prioritize and implement strategies of the Plan. Our goal is have this committee live long and prosper and guide State Street into its future.

We welcome your involvement. Contact us by email, heritage@heritagehillweb.org or phone, 459-8950. Tansy Harris is the HHA staff contact. Watch for upcoming details and join in the action!

Did you know that the Central High campus is home to the oldest still functioning high school facility in the entire state and the nation’s first PK-12 public Montessori school? Today the Innovation Central High campus is at the epicenter of the transformation and future of our city’s public schools. The GR Forward partners are seeking participation in an exciting design/visioning and redevelopment plan that among other things will explore the development of an urban farm or urban agriculture experience for all four Centers of Innovation and Grand Rapids Montessori. We want to know what you think about the renovation of the Central and Fountain buildings, demolition of the old City High building, potential traffic improvements, landscaping and beautification ideas, improving school and neighborhood/community use of green space, and more!

The Heritage Hill Association is working with GR Forward on setting a series of meetings for this conversation. Watch the Association’s website, heritag hillweb.org, email blasts, and future Herald for more details on this exciting process. Send us your email if you currently don’t receive notices from Heritage Hill and we’ll get you on the list, heritage@heritagehillweb.org.

More information on all of the GRForward Downtown and River Action Plan progress is at www.grforward.org.

Why Walking Rules

Walkable neighborhoods are even better than you thought. A University of New Hampshire study found that people who can walk to their favorite neighborhood park, café, work place, et all are more trusting and civically involved than people who live in car-centric places.
Happy Spring Heritage Hill.

We have been doing our happy dance here at the HHA office because of, yes, spring (the date if not the feel of it) but even more because of two great happenings for the State Street Corridor. First the Downtown Development Authority revised and approved its major street revitalization of the Lafayette to Jefferson portion of State Street to now include bricks and bike lanes. This will unify the street’s look and it will no longer change surfaces in midstream. AND because the Dyer-Ives Foundation Board just approved the Association’s grant proposal for organizing the implementation of the State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan. We will now have dedicated staff time to organize and nurture State Street stakeholders and neighbors to work with a State Street Steering Committee to work on the strategies of the Plan. This will guide the State of the future. Tansy Harris is the staff contact, 459-8950 and she is talented and very excited to get all things moving on State Street. Huge thanks go out to the DDA and Dyer-Ives for their support of a re-State.

Another exciting urban planning project involves the Innovation Central campus. GRForward is beginning its concentration on this vast campus’ redesign that includes improved greenspace, traffic patterns and staging, the removal of the former City High building and parking improvements. The Central campus network is beginning high building and parking improvements. The Central campus network is beginning staging, the removal of the former City High building and parking improvements. There is a way to get a FREE ticket to Tour. We need volunteer guides right up to the days of Tour to cover any cancellations. Please call today, 459-8950 or email heritage@heritagehillweb.org and help Tour work smoothly with an easy 4 hour shift.

Leaping into summer is the purge (or spurge) at the Association’s annual Heritage Hill Yard Sales Day on June 6. Call or email the HHA office, heritage@heritagehillweb.org; 459-8950 and we’ll get you on the list that we’ll post on our website. And soon to follow, the Heritage Hill Garden Tour is July 18. Mark your calendars and more details will follow.

We are singing our welcome back song to Maria Zache (and Jim Starkey too) from their 4-month winter break. Maria returned to work on March 30.

Wiggle your toes, it’s warming up!  

Jan Earl  
Executive Director
Let’s keep working together!
Support the Heritage Hill Association with your 2015 Pledge

Your contribution directly and immediately benefits your neighborhood. Your support is critical to:

- Organizing Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention programs that keep you aware and safe.
- Working with the major institutions surrounding Heritage Hill to bridge the needs of our residents and our institutional neighbors. Our focus is to protect our neighborhood from development that could harm our residential quality. But our work also helps our institutions do their work efficiently and effectively.
- Providing vital neighborhood information via our office, the e-alert network, the newsletter, Facebook, and our website that keeps people connected, informed and engaged.
- Monitoring land use and zoning requests and voicing positions that maintains our neighborhood’s stability.
- Addressing parking and traffic issues and working with stakeholders to ease congestion wherever possible.
- Promoting neighborhood occupancy through apartment listings, our Weekend Tour of Homes, and community building events.
- Assisting tenants and property owners with rights and responsibilities.
- Using the Master Plan of Heritage Hill that guides development in our neighborhood. This dog eared plan is used in every issue faced by the Association and by city departments as a reference guide in planning projects in our neighborhood.
- The State Street Corridor Area Specific Plan and the State Street of the future.

Our pledge drive begins now. Pledge $100.00 by May 1 and we’ll send you a FREE Home Tour ticket! Or just pledge now and you’ll not get one phone call from us!

For the 2015 continuation of the Heritage Hill Association, I pledge:

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Three public buildings will also be showcased including the meticulously restored Frank Lloyd Wright designed Meyer May House; The Women’s City Club, an 1860’s grand Italianate Villa filled with fine arts and period antiques; and the gothic inspired Innovation Central High School built in 1849, making it the second oldest school in Michigan.

Advance tickets are $15.00 and are available at the Heritage Hill Association office or at www.heritagehillweb.org. To obtain tickets by check, send to the **Heritage Hill Association, 126 College SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**. Tickets can also be picked up at various locations including Martha’s Vineyard, Art of the Table, Lake Michigan Credit Unions and all greater Grand Rapids area Family Fare and D&W Fresh Market stores. Tickets the weekend of the tour are $20.00. Free shuttle bus transportation is provided between featured properties.

This event is the Heritage Hill Association’s biggest fundraiser, so please pass along the word and invite your friends. Proceeds from the tour help support the historic preservation of our unique neighborhood and assists with land use planning, engaging community resources, crime prevention and block club organizing.

Want to attend for free? We always need additional volunteers to help during the weekend. Work a shift and receive two free tickets! Please call **616-459-8950** for more information, and to find out about volunteer opportunities.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
HHA Board Meeting – 7:00 pm.
Mercy Health Saint Mary’s
Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
220 Cherry Street
between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenue

Monday, April 20, 2015
May/June Herald newsletter deadline

Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Special Election Day in Michigan - VOTE

Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th, 2015
2015 Heritage Hill Weekend Tour of Homes
Think Spring -- Tickets on sale now at the HHA website, heritagehillweb.org
$15 in advance/ $20 weekend of Tour

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
HHA Board Meeting – 7:00 pm.
Mercy Health Saint Mary’s
Hauenstein Center, H1 Community Room
220 Cherry Street
between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues

Annual Dates to Remember:

Saturday, June 6, 2015
Annual Heritage Hill area Yard Sales Day

Saturday, July 18, 2015
Annual Heritage Hill Garden Tour

Tuesday, August 4, 2015
Heritage Hill Night-Out Social
Garden Tour Committee on the lookout for 2015 Tour Gardens

It's that time of year when the crocus and the snow drops break through the drab of winter and show us the way to a more colorful and vibrant future – Springtime...... and while a young man's thoughts may be turning to love, many of the rest of us become more preoccupied with our gardens .... a far safer endeavor with less lasting implications ...( I hope you are laughing).

**July 18th** is the date for the 2015 Heritage Hill Garden Tour. The tour swings up to the north end of the Hill this year and we are looking for interested gardeners and gardens between Cherry Street and Michigan Ave. Our garden recruiters will be on the streets in the coming weeks looking for prospective gardens for the tour, so if you see some otherwise normal looking folks rubbernecking your neighborhood don't be concerned. We're harmless. If you or someone you know is interested in being on the garden tour please call the Heritage Hill office at 459-8950.

Being a host gardener for the tour is a very simple experience. You supply the garden, we do the rest. On the day of tour, you or your appointed representative are asked to be in your garden to welcome our guests. You will spend the day being showered with praise for your gardening efforts and learn all kinds of new things from fellow gardeners who have tips to share. Oh... did I mention gifts? There will be lovely gifts for each of the host gardeners which will be presented to you at the Garden Crawl. The Garden Crawl takes place on the eve of the tour, July 17th. Friday evening the host gardeners and tour committee gather at one of the tour gardens. Food, refreshments and gifts are shared as we then make our way from tour garden to tour garden, thus giving all the host gardeners the opportunity to experience the tour gardens on the eve of the tour. The Garden Crawl event has evolved into a memorable evening of socializing. Just ask anyone who has participated in one.

We’re hoping to bring back the Garden Shoppe as well. For those who aren't “in-the-know”, the Garden Shoppe is an eclectic group of local artisans who will be selling their wares at a central location within the Garden Tour boundaries. Often the arts and crafts offered are garden related but you’re likely to find all kinds of interesting things and people there.

But for now .... WE NEED GARDENS!!
CRIME DOWN, SPIRITS UP!
Crime Summary for February 2015
31 parking ticket or tow
4 trouble with a person
3 Field interrogation
3 Suspicious activity
2 Assault and battery
1 Aggravated assault, non-family, other weapon
1 Burglary of residence (suspect is an acquaintance)

Lower crime numbers make everyone feel safer and more relaxed. This trend has been great for neighbors throughout the city. Let’s not get complacent because offering opportunities for easy home entry or thefts from vehicles might increase our crime numbers next month. Free home security checks are available to tenants and owners. Call Barb at 459-8950.

STREET CLEAN UPS: As months’ worth of snow melts at this time of year, many unseen treasures are found (i.e. trash, recycling, parts of cars, dog poops...oh the dog poops). As much as we want everyone to be responsible for their own waste, sometimes it is also up to us residents to act. As you head out for a walk today or this coming week, think about bringing a few grocery bags. Or bring two bags; one for trash and one for recyclables. Students can earn volunteer hours by registering for a block or two to or to work in Foster Park this spring. Call Barb at 459-8950.

BE A BASIN BUDDY: Clean up street grates on your block!

What is a catch basin? Catch basins are storm sewer inlets that are designed to collect water during storm events and are the first step in storm water drainage systems. Storm sewer systems are designed to move water from developed areas as quick as possible during storms. When storms occur; water and anything else on the street enters the storm sewer system through the catch basins. Pet waste, oil, litter, leaves, etc. carried into the storm sewer system is discharged directly into our streams and rivers.

What do catch basins do? Catch basins are generally located next to street curbs or in rear yards of residential areas. They filter out debris such as leaves and litter. The grids located on top the catch basins are small enough to prevent large objects from entering into the storm sewer system, but large enough to ensure that the flow of water is not blocked.

What can I do to help? Now that you have read “What is a catch basin?” and “What do catch basins do?” - I am sure that you realize how important they are! They are the gateways to our storm water infrastructure and each and every one of them would like nothing more than to be adopted. To learn more about the work and earning My GR Points go to www.grcity.us and search for Basin Buddy.

WANT TO GET YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT BACK?
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For more information go to www.legalassistancecenter.org. The Legal Assistance Center is a local organization at the court house that can help with information on how to file. You can also call the HHA office and ask for Barb.

COPS AND KIDS - ON BASE WITH GRPD: Grand Rapids Police Officers are organizing a new summer baseball program called On Base with GRPD for up to 50 kids. North Team Community Officers Aaron Rossin and Neil Gomez

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will work to mentor and build positive relationships with the youth. The officers are seeking community support for the program. “By supporting the “On Base with GRPD” baseball program, through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth, you are helping to foster a spirit of cooperation between the community and the Grand Rapids Police Department,” remarked Officer Rossin who serves as the Heritage Hill Community Police Officer. With this program, the officers, who are coaching the teams, will not only teach the game, but also hope to provide an opportunity for positive interactions between the children and police officers in a non-enforcement capacity.

How you can help: “We’re hoping to raise enough in money and equipment donations to be able to supply these kids with the uniforms and equipment that will not only help them learn a new sport, but will also help them to feel part of something special,” stated Officer Rossin.

Check out the On Base with GRPD Facebook page and their website at www.onbasewithgrpd.com to find out about sponsorships. The Grand Slam is a $2000 donation but the Home Run ($1000), Triple ($500), Double ($250), Single ($100) and smaller amounts will be gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to: Boys & Girls Clubs of Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth, with “On Base with GRPD” in memo field and send to: 235 Straight Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Equipment Donations: You may also donate new or lightly used equipment. For pickup/drop-off contact Officer Aaron Rossin (arossin@grcity.us), Officer Neil Gomez (ngomez@grcity.us), or Officer Jeremy Huffman (jhuffman@grcity.us).

“Arrest Warrant” Scam Rebuffed by Hill Neighbors

A Heritage Hill neighbor reported receiving a call on Saturday, March 21. A man and introduced himself as “Officer John Harris from the Grand Rapids Warrants Division”. He knew her name and address and told her a warrant was issued for her arrest for failure to report for grand jury duty. He told her he would process the warrant and a deputy would soon be dispatched to...
arrest her at her home. She was dumbfounded. She told the “officer” she had never received anything from any court notifying me of jury duty.

When she questioned him about this he said, "The procedure is different for Grand Juries." He said she could stop the warrant arrest by coming down to the 61st District Court and paying the fine and penalties. She told him the courts are closed on Saturday and he replied that the Warrants Division was open and he would send a deputy to the Court House door and to let her in.

He went on to say that Judge Kim Schaefer would hear her case in 30 days. The judge could refund the penalty and reschedule her Grand Jury service. He said she could not use a credit card and or cash to pay the fine, BUT a "verification card" would be accepted.

A "verification card" is a Green Dot pre-paid debit card. He told her to buy one of these at drug stores or grocery stores put $800 on the card and bring it to the Court House. That’s when she suspected it was a scam and hung up.

The scammer was convincing, saying the call was being recorded for verification. He behaved like you would expect a police officer to act and sounded as if he had law enforcement experience.

We have found six other neighbors in the Hill were called by this impersonator. He told one woman she was considered a “flight risk” so the “Warrant Officer” would only accept a verification card from her. After trying to do some detective work of her own she also decided it was a scam and did not give anyone money. No deputy came to her door to arrest her!

Who to report to:

Hang up and call the Grand Rapids Police Department at 456-3400. Tell them you want to be connected to the Fraud Unit. Leave a message at that unit. Please call me at the Heritage Hill office too so we can keep track of the cases. Some people report that the GRPD is not taking reports of this and directs people to call the phone company or the “feds”. Insist on making a report! Tell them HH Association told you to! You may be asked to file a verbal or on-line report over the phone and that is fine.

Trash, Trash and 4 months of Trash - Let’s All Pitch In to Clean-up in Heritage Hill

As the snow disappears, 4 months of trash is showing. Did you know that any trash that washes through our street grates, goes directly into the Grand River? Storm sewers have no filtration so whatever flows down our streets and into the grates, keeps flowing directly into the river. Please pitch in and help clean up our neighborhood! It is great exercise bending, stooping and stashing trash in whatever receptacle you can carry -- not only for our streets but for our river too.
Board Notes

Discussion at the January Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Short presentation by Grand Rapids Public Schools’ new neighborhood/community liaison, Kyle Pray. One of his main objectives is to reconnect/re-energize the ties between schools and neighborhoods - pushing for more community outreach through neighborhood organizations and groups.

Staff Reports:

- Talked briefly about 201, 209 College NE. Owners have met or satisfied most house and property code violations.
- HQ on State Street is thriving. Jan says reports from organization say the intended audience has found the new location and it is being used.
- 345 State Street construction going strong and a July 2015 opening is still planned.
- Stuyvesant Apartments are quiet.
- The opening of Pleasant Park was mentioned as one of the city’s many highlighted achievements of 2014 by the mayor in his state of the city report.
- Search continues for a grocery business for the Wealthy/Division block (ICCF’s long term director Jonathan Bradford is retiring in September 2015. It would be a great send-off to have a grocer interested before he leaves).

Board members broke up into liaison groups with old and new members finding their niche, electing committee chairpersons and setting up later meetings (off-line) to discuss Board Goals and Objectives for the 2015 year.

Action Item: Community Development Block Grant FY:2016 - Approval sought to submit request for continued funding. Approved unanimously by board.

Action Item: Heritage Hill Association Legacy Fund – Recommended by the HHA Finance Committee:

Provides long-term funding of the association; Covers many forms of donations including, but not limited to, cash. A minimum fund balance of $25,000 must be achieved before the association can begin using interest earned from fund. The intention is to
grow the fund; idea is to give friends of Heritage Hill a chance to gift the neighborhood through a long-term fund; next steps involve getting the legacy fund policy in place, setting the structure necessary to facilitating fund growth and then marketing the fund to the public/potential donors. Motion to establish the HHA Legacy Fund approved unanimously by board.

Discussion at the February Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Presentation of a Michigan Street Corridor update/overview by co-chairs Suzanne Schulz and (with additional commentary by) Craig Nobbelin. Process involved input from a 35-person steering committee and started with observations of the left hand turn from Michigan onto northbound College Ave toward the 196 expressway. That got the ball rolling on the entire stretch of Michigan from downtown east to the East Beltline. Currently the neighborhoods impacted the most are the Belknap and Midtown areas. Suzanne says the goal is not to eliminate congestion throughout the area, but to reduce and present ways to deal with the congestion. The increase in housing density will only intensify the congestion. They are looking to create a field of choices both in mode of transportation and in pattern of movement. Suzanne also states the project is very strongly based on economy and the live-work relationship rapidly building on and near the corridor. She recounted some of the building projects going on along the corridor as well as the adjoining Belknap area wanting to retain a neighborhood plan even in the face of hospital and GVSU investment in the area. Some interesting statistics include such findings as these: less than 3% of Spectrum’s employees live in the near neighborhood, only about 6% of GVSU/GRCC faculty/staff/students live in near neighborhood. New residents moving in comprised of young, singles, childless couples and empty nesters. Also, there is a big demand for the market-rate apartments. Approximately 1500 additional housing units are on track for construction downtown in the next two years. Suzanne says more townhouse and

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small apartment buildings are needed to provide infill and to soften the transition/depth of development from institution to residential both north and south of the main artery. Need to get people who use the corridor daily to explore different modes of transportation: walking, biking, bus ... and incentivize the process to make choices easier.

**Short presentation by Anna Jose of Bethany Christian Services** regarding refugee and immigrant foster care needs in the Grand Rapids area. Help needed integrating young people into our culture. To help would involve a prospective family’s orientation, certification, etc. about a 6-month process. The need is real and crucial. The office of refugee resettlement has processed many children, mostly orphaned from gang wars or similar warfare, and refers them to the many services throughout the U.S. including BCS.

**Action Item: Gift Acceptance Policy** drafted by the HHA Finance Committee in conjunction with the Legacy Fund. This procedural item/policy was passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports:**
Brief discussion about the city’s 311 call number and its use for city services. This is not to be confused with the 911 number. Barb also reported people in the neighborhood are helping paint over graffiti (even in winter).

**Committee/Liaison Reports:**

**Administrative** – Jim Payne, president, discussed meeting with GRCC and two properties in/near the neighborhood that may see changes. One being the Lettinga house at the northwest corner of College and Fulton (GRCC not using at all) and the other being the sport field/track to the east of Spectrum, between Lyon and Crescent (GRCC no longer has a football team or use for the field). There are no planned developments at this time.

**Fundraising** – Home Tour 2015 going well, recruiting for 2016 ongoing, pushing to scheduling some for 2017 already.

**Community Involvement** – Looking at welcoming/stewardship activities. How are people living and participating in the neighborhood. The welcoming portion will be looking at getting more neighbors involved - having block reps welcome new neighbors. The education arm of this committee will be communicating happenings at the Central campus planning process.

**Land Use Issues** – Objective is to support and facilitate communication of issues. To that objective, members are serving as a link to Historic Preservation Commission; Monitoring parks and safety; Involvement on State Street, etc.

Neighbors are welcome to attend monthly Board meetings. The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third WEDNESDAY of every month at the Mercy Health Saint Mary’s campus, Hauenstein Center, 220 Cherry SE.

1 Community Room (main floor, turn left at the first hall and first room on your left). There is a possibility that the meeting location would need to change so please call the office (459-8950) or visit the website (www.heritagehillweb.org) to confirm the exact meeting room.

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).
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May 16 and 17, 2015

Please volunteer to work a 3.5 or 4 hour shift and you will get a free Tour ticket!

Home Tour Shifts:
Saturday, May 16: 10:30 am. to 2:30 pm. or 2:00 pm. to 5:30 pm.
Sunday, May 17: 11:30 am. to 3:30 pm. or 3:00 pm. to 6:30 pm.

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Tom Shephard, our neighbor on the 400 block of Paris SE. Tom or ‘Shep’, as many called him, and his dog Lola, were an inseparable pair often seen walking in the south end of the Hill. Tom and his wife Kris have lived on Paris SE for about seven years. On February 7, Tom tragically drowned while kayaking on the Rogue River. Neighbors rallied quickly to comfort Kris and to help take care of Lola. Our condolences go out to Tom’s family and friends.

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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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