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Heritage Hill Association 50th Anniversary - 1968-2018

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The Newsletter of Heritage Hill

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Celebrate with Santa and Heritage Hill Neighbors

50th Anniversary

Holiday Potluck & Celebration

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

6:00 to 9:00 pm

GRCC DeVos Campus - 435 E. Fulton

Enter the Welcome Center and turn to your left.

Please be aware there's a parking fee to park in GRCC's lot. If you are using this lot, use the parking lot entrance on Fountain Street.

6:00pm- Holiday Potluck - Please bring a dish to pass.

7:00pm- Santa arrives

7:30pm- 50th Anniversary - Recognize our leaders, applause to our founder, Barbara Roelofs, HHA 2019 Board elections & 2018 Distinguished Service Awards.



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The Heritage Hill Association

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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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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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The Heritage Hill Association provides information and encourages neighbor participation to keep Heritage Hill safe and vital. This community organizing engages neighbors to work on issues that arise. As an association of neighbors, we have a strong voice but we have no regulatory authority.

The GR Historic Preservation Commission regulates the City's Preservation Ordinance. Applications and approvals are needed from this city department before beginning any exterior work or repairs. Contact 456-3451 or rbaker@grcity.org.

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Unbelievably we are at the close of yet another year - and not just any year - it's the Heritage Hill Association's 50th year. What an amazing run, amazing progress, and what an amazing neighborhood that neighbors have saved and made home. I am thankful to be a part of our community. I'm sure you are too. It's an amazing space we all share. It's amazing because we work hard, share the vision of community, and believe that we are caretakers of this special neighborhood that we call home. Just like those before us, we will pass these houses and place to those that follow us.

As we enter this season of peace and joy, let's celebrate our place.

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Join Heritage Hill neighbors as we gather on December 4th.

Open yourself to your friends, family and neighbors throughout this upcoming winter season. Help out wherever whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Your voice matters and working as a team makes good things happen! We've proven that. Engage!

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Jan Earl



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It's a celebration - 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Hill Association Tuesday December 4th - 6 to 9 pm.

Calling all Heritage Hill neighbors to celebrate 50 years of working together to save and improve our amazing and historic neighborhood. It's a party - **Tuesday, December 4th** - honoring our leaders, applauding our top 50 greatest hits and an overall love fest to Heritage Hill. Over 75% of our neighborhood homes would be long gone, demolished, if not for the tenacity of a small group of activists. And we continue to shake it. Let's us join together in celebration from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the GRCC Campus at 415 East Fulton. Lots of drawings for fun prizes! Please come!

Holiday Potluck We'll have all the place settings and some food donations from area restaurants but please bring a "dish to pass" for the communal table. A huge thanks to **Martha's Vineyard** for providing assorted beverages and cheer.



Bring the kids to see Santa

Santa will parade the kids to where they can visit with him so the adult kids can take part in the Association's annual meeting. Santa's helpers will be on hand to assist children visiting Santa but if you have very young children or simply want to see Santa too, please accompany your child.

The HHA Annual Meeting ... We will recognize 50 years of leadership, give tribute to one of our founders, Barbara Roelofs, and carry on to recognize neighbors for their 2018 service to our neighborhood. It is also time to ready for next year with the **2019 HHA Board of Directors Election**. There are five, 3-year terms up for election and four candidates have provided written notice of their candidacy per the HHA Bylaws' required notification. Because there are 4 candidates for 5 seats, the slate will be elected by proclamation by the membership.

Meet the HHA Board Candidates: Suzanne DeHaan, Kate Diedrich, Michele Giordano, and Heather Hall.

Each has provided their statement: **Why do you want to serve on the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors.**

Suzanne De Haan 573 Prospect SE

I have lived in the Heritage Hill District for the past 19 years. During those years, I have seen the neighborhood become a safe, vibrant place to live. I have been on the Heritage Hill Association Board for the past 7 years, serving about 5 years as Secretary of the Board. I am also Chairperson for Home Tour and I am on the Zoning Committee.

I have decided to run for a position as a Member of the Board again. Why, you may ask? First of all, I am so impressed with the HHA Staff and their dedication in making this a great neighborhood to live in. I have gleaned so much knowledge from the staff and continue to learn. I have met so many wonderful neighbors while

being on the Home Tour Committee. I am still learning so much about the zoning and housing requirements for the neighborhood. I am a person who is interested in knowing what is happening and how I can help in any way to be a supportive person. I try to make myself visible and have a good ear so I can hopefully help the neighbors with their concerns and questions. I feel one is never too old to learn and volunteer to help.

Kate Diedrich 536 Prospect SE

Heritage Hill has been our home since 1977. Our family has relied upon the wisdom, advice and support of the Heritage Hill Association time after time throughout these many years. Being able to give back as a member

of the board has been an honor. I have had the opportunity to contribute in several ways by doing the writing for Home Tour, organizing the Garden Tour and helping with many other Association fund and fun raising events.

If given the opportunity, I would gladly continue to do what I can for the families who have chosen to be part of this uniquely wonderful neighborhood.

Michele Giordano 444 Union SE

I have lived in the Hill for almost five years now and have grown to love the community even more than I thought possible. Heritage Hill provides me the perfect mix of city living and

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residential community. Living in the Hill makes me feel like I'm part of something special and I admire how close-knit of a neighborhood it is. In addition, I have served on the Board of Directors for the past three years, had my house on Home Tour and been a Home Tour house captain. It's amazing to me still just how well acquainted residents are with one another; how much they know and care about each other, and how they become so much more than just "neighbors".

I love being part Heritage Hill and I'd love to continue to serve this community as a part of the Board of Directors.

Heather Hall

225 Fountain St. NE, Apt. E

I first fell in love with Heritage Hill 30 years ago when I moved to the area to attend Kendall. At first glance walking up and down that hill was quite daunting, however it was something I grew to love. My eyes were drawn to the amazing architecture of every home and building that I passed. As an artist, this was something that didn't just bring a smile to my face, but inspired me and got my own creative juices flowing for school projects.

As life progresses my path lead me elsewhere and I finally landed outside Boston, Massachusetts raising my children. It was there I felt sense of community. It was there that I learned that community matters. It was there that I learned that in order to make a difference a person needs to get involved and be a part of that community.

Grand Rapids is my home now, more specifically Heritage Hill. April of 2017 my path led me to 225 Fountain Street and it forever changed. Living on "The Hill" and working at Spectrum Health / Priority Health, well, a bit of a utopia set up. I would like to become a bit more rooted in the community and would be thrilled and honored to join the Association board.

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O **rganization:** The Association is well respected at City Hall and the greater Grand Rapids area for engaging neighbors and providing informed positions on issues that impact the quality of life in our neighborhood. We provide amplification to our communal voices.

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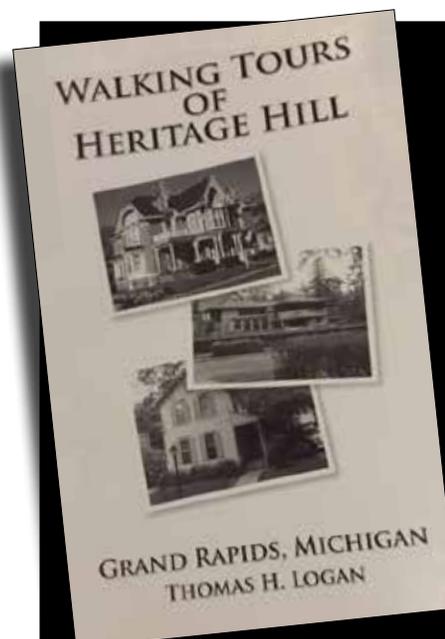
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Welcome Amanda Cormier, HHA's Community Organizer



Tansy has said her heartfelt goodbye and she will be missed around here, but I am ready to say hello! It's hard to believe it was over thirty years ago that I was a kindergartener walking from my home on Crescent Street to attend school at Fountain Elementary School. If I had some change in my pocket, I would stop at Martha's Vineyard for a candy bar which was conveniently right on my way home.

Just prior to fourth grade, I moved to a rural community where I finished school but always considered the city of Grand Rapids my one true home and couldn't wait to come back here. The number one sound I missed after leaving the city was the distant rumble of the train. I still find it comforting!

Several years ago, I moved back to Heritage Hill and lived across from Peaches Bed & Breakfast on Gay Avenue. As newlyweds, our first home together was in the carriage house located behind the main house. I loved having a garden in the backyard and marveled about how such a beautiful and quiet place could exist right in the heart of the city. We've lived on the northeast side of the city now for the past few years. My full-time job is a mother to two young and energetic boys and two large dogs. I started volunteering with my neighborhood association, North East Citizen Action in 2014 and it was through that organization

that I realized how important and impactful resident voices are. It led me to meeting Tansy and being in awe of her work. She will tell you how quickly I applied for her position when I found out she was leaving! I attended the GRPD Citizen's Police Academy in 2016 and am currently attending Kent County's version of the program. These learning sessions offered me critical insight how these agencies operate in the communities they are serving.

After a sixteen-year career in the commercial insurance industry, I was ready for a career change and ready to serve at the community level. With my love of history, community organizing, and this neighborhood, I can't think of a more fitting role at this point in my life. I am in the office Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-5pm. I hope you won't be shy and will call, e-mail, or stop in the office so I can get to know you!

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Unused medication should never be thrown away or flushed down the toilet!

The Kent County Sheriff's Office is participating in the SafeMeds program which is working to keep contamination out of Michigan's waterways.

Unused medications can be dropped off at the Kent County Sheriff Office: 701 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm (616) 632-6200

This is for the dogs!

Even the most well-trained dogs can have natural instincts to run or chase what they may perceive as a threat. Recently, I have even witnessed highly obedient police dogs choose not to listen, after given the command to stop. This is why it is important in a city setting to keep all dogs on a leash when outside. City ordinances require all dogs to be leashed and running at large is prohibited.

Anyone who owns or has custody of a dog shall prevent the dog from engaging in nuisance, aggressive or dangerous behavior. (Ord. No. 2003-06)

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Covell Dog Park: 501 Covell Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI, US, 49504

Hillcrest Dog Park: 1309 Lyon St NE, Grand Rapids, MI, US, 49503

Notice: Pleasant Park is not on this list. Dogs should be kept on leashes while enjoying the beauty of this neighborhood park.

Keep your presence near your presents!

It's the time of year where it may be time for some of us to do a bit more shopping than usual. If you are an online shopper, remember to keep your items safe from freezing temperatures and theft. Leaving packages on your front doorstep while you are away may invite Grinches looking to take your loot. If you are away from home during the day, consider having packages delivered to your work location.

Odd/Even parking ordinance in effect

It is that time of year again. Odd/even parking has started as of November 1 and will continue until April 1. Observing this ordinance will not only keep the city streets clear this winter, but the good news is that it will also save you at least \$20 in fines!

Tom The Turkey

I had the pleasure of meeting Tom in mid-October on my way to my first Heritage Hill board meeting. I tried to get through the intersection of Madison & Logan, but Tom fiercely protected his area from me. He was not about to let me through, he even

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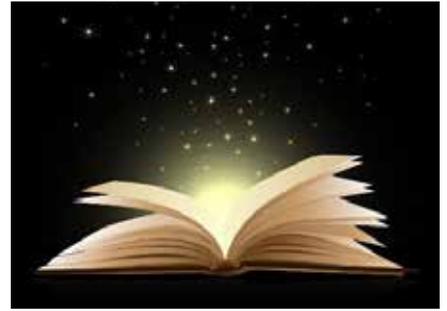
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 decided he'd rather take the chance of being run over than let me through. I was saddened to hear we cannot re-locate Tom somewhere safer for him. But I understand he is protected and he appreciates city living as much as I do so I'm going to do what I can to keep him well. It's exciting to hear that all I have to do next time is get out of my vehicle, flap my arms and pretend to be a bigger turkey to intimidate him. That should be fun! Looking forward to seeing you again, Tom. Hope you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!





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- Annamarie Buller, Resident Engagement Manager, Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.

Downtown Grand Rapids has a new neighbor affinity group, the Downtown Neighbor Network, bordering Heritage Hill. *The GR Forward Downtown and River Activation Plan* prioritized the goal to create a downtown neighborhood that is home to a diverse population. Downtown has

experienced significant resident growth over the past several years. Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. (DGRI) looks to support initiatives that improve downtown living for existing residents and attract new downtown residents in order to foster civic engagement and strengthen

community ties downtown. Starting in 2015, DGRI worked to engage downtown residents through events, personal contacts and extensive surveying as well as meeting with existing neighborhood associations to share expertise, including Heritage Hill. In early 2018, an ad-hoc Downtown Resident Steering Committee was formed to explore the creation of a stand-alone organization that would represent downtown neighbors.

The Downtown Resident Steering Committee was constituted to represent various viewpoints and perspectives on the unique challenges and opportunities of living in or near downtown Grand Rapids. The group began with an extensive “data dive” to better understand who was living in downtown, what groups currently (or potentially) exist in and near downtown, what concerns residents have, how downtown is changing, and what type of organization might be the best fit to represent the unique voice of downtown living. After a nearly-year-long process that included many collaborative efforts with nearby neighborhood associations, the steering committee changed the group’s name to Downtown Neighbor Network (DNN) to be more inclusive and reflective of the relationships in play.

A main objective of the Downtown Neighbor Network will be to work collaboratively with all adjacent neighborhood associations on projects, events, information sharing, etc. when interests coincide. The DNN Steering Committee intends to seat a leadership committee in January 2019 that will serve as an advisory committee to DGRI for at least two years.

Interested in joining the Downtown Neighbor Network? Learn more about the group by visiting our website project page: <http://downtowngr.org/our-work/projects/dnn> or contact Annamarie Buller, Stakeholder Engagement Specialist at Downtown Grand Rapids Inc. directly by phone: 616-240-4752 or by email: abuller@downtowngr.org

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Board Notes

Discussion at the September, 2018 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Voters Not Politicians: Emily Helder presented an overview of non-

partisan Proposal 2 that will be on the November 6 ballot. Proposal 2 would end gerrymandering in Michigan, taking the process of drawing district lines in the state away from the politicians. Garfield Park and

Easthills neighborhood associations have endorsed the proposal. Board members voted unanimously to also endorse the non-partisan proposal and will share the information via the Herald, website and Facebook page.

Crime Prevention Organizer Hire: Jan E. provided an overview and background of candidate Amanda Cormier and needs of this position which will include many hours of training with the police department. Amanda will have 3 weeks working with Tansy before Tansy finishes her tenure at the end of October.

The board voted unanimously to approve the motion from the Executive Committee to hire Amanda Cormier as the new Crime Prevention Organizer. Congratulations to Amanda.

November Board Meeting: The Board voted unanimously to accept the Executive Committee's motion to move the November board meeting to the 14th due to the third Wednesday of the month falling on the day before Thanksgiving.

Staff Reports: Written Reports were submitted. Jan provided updates for 2 land use issues at 523 Lyon St. NE and 141 Wealthy St. SE. The owners of 523 Lyon go before the Board of Zoning appeals on 9/20/18 and before the Planning Commission on 9/27/2018 to request several variances required for the use of 6 commercial uses and 6 residential units. The association has received approximately 20 letters of opposition, mostly strong opposition due to the parking issues. 141 Wealthy St. SE: Heritage Hill and several neighbors sent letters of opposition to the Planning Commission concerning Mary Free Bed's request to demolish the former McGraw tire for a surface parking lot. The Planning Commission unanimously denied demolition; perhaps HHA could use this issue to further a better working relationship with Mary Free Bed going forward. Jan also mentioned the ribbon cutting event at 50 College SE, the new Heritage Place, stating that Orion Construction has been great to work



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with, that Wayne N. did a great job speaking, the building is beautiful and that the carriage houses are darling now, receiving that care and maintenance necessary. Possibly the building could be open for Home Tour 2019.

Tansy H. noted that the Hillmount Condominiums had a community meeting scheduled in the next week to address a few crime issues and that Community Officer Craig Glowney would attend. There has been a weird string of car B&Es in the neighborhood, sometimes with smashed windows and in a variety of parking situations. The Third Ward neighborhood associations will be meeting with new City Commissioner Nathaniel Moody to bring him up to speed concerning the Housing Now issues. All wards are disappointed with the latest engagement process because this process does not seem to be well suited to complicated zoning issues. Neighborhoods plan to meet with Planning Director Suzanne Schulz to dissect the proposals (to determine what could be approved now and what should be a part of the update of the Master Planning process).

Community Engagement:

Hospitality – Holiday Potluck: Jan noted that there will be a Powerpoint presentation of the “50 Greatest Hits” and that past Presidents will be invited and recognized. The committee will meet for further planning. Discussion included the possibility of using the Great Hall of the Museum School for a future event.

Land Use: Wes B. noted that a meeting is in the works with GRCC to discuss expansion plans (for the Applied Technology Center) with neighbors. Jan E. also mentioned that GRCC would like to set up a meeting about the Lettinga and Mabel Ingle houses on the DeVos campus. Wayne N. reported on the meeting that he had attended for the Housing Now with WMCAT and felt that it was too big of a task for WMCAT to handle though they did a good job of managing the discussion and allowing for many questions. Wayne expressed

disappointment that discussion did not include identifying which initiatives residents could accept.

Fundraising and Finance:

Home Tour: Suzanne D. and Kate D. are actively recruiting houses for

2019 but not much progress so far on finding houses for 2019

Pledge Drive: Jan E. noted that the pledge letter will go out in October and a plea will be in the Sept./Oct.

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issue of the *Herald*.

Texas Hold 'Em: The next events are back-to-back: Oct. 29-31 & Nov. 9-11. Maria Z.S. noted that Halloween will be particularly difficult to staff.

Discussion at the October, 2018 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Downtown Neighbors Network – Annamarie Buller, DGRI: Annamarie, Manager for (Downtown) Resident Experience, outlined the process of creating a Resident Network of downtown neighbors (that reflects the significant growth in number of downtown residents) and eventually a Steering Committee who worked over several months to create the bones for an advisory group. Annamarie noted that the boundaries of the new “DNN” are somewhat fluid and that if a resident feels that they live downtown, they do. Annamarie also stressed that a main goal of the DNN is to collaborate on many levels with all near neighborhood associations.

Texas Hold 'Em: Erin S. asked members to sign up for a shift. If all 15 members plus 3 staff members sign up, virtually all shifts would be filled and that is an expectation for board members.

Treasurers Report – Erin S. reported that the pledge letter and the Herald are producing results and that there would also be a big push at the end of the year.

Staff Reports: Written Reports were submitted. Jan E. welcomed Amanda Cormier to the HHA staff and explained that she is in a 3-week training period with Tansy and then she will have training at the police department after her background check has been completed. After 10 months of meetings, *523 Lyon St. NE* has zoning: a total of 5 residential units will be allowed and there is a total waiver of parking requirements. Parking does not seem to be a valid argument anymore according to the ZBA and Planning Commission. Jan added to her report about *Housing Now* that the initiatives are currently

being dissected to determine which measures will be moved forward and which will go back to Planning to be a part of the Master Planning process. WMCAT's engagement results very much mirrored the results from the Neighborhood Association Coalition.

Tansy H. reported that the person responsible for the rash of burglaries in the neighborhood has been arrested. Several members thanked Tansy for her work in coordination with GRPD. Tansy also noted that there was a spike in crime during ArtPrize that seems to be related to the Community Officers being pulled out of neighborhoods to police ArtPrize. Tansy helped to implement a speed sign on College SE between Logan and Pleasant which has become a bit of a drag strip. The block captain on Union SE and other neighbors have informed HHA that the roundabout in that area is not a speed deterrent. Possibly a stop sign or 4-way flasher could be installed at College and Logan; this is a tricky problem to solve. There have been

no further reports of a flasher at the Central Campus; the current landscape designs near the school's

western border and Lyon St. can promote bad behavior.

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Community Engagement:

Hospitality – Holiday Potluck: The committee is scheduled to meet next week. Interest expressed in seeking the food donations from restaurants.

Land Use:

Parks: Mooney Park: Kate D. reported

that the recent ribbon cutting was a quick event as it was very cold but that the city did a nice job on the re-do of the concrete and lighting, etc. Neighbors are now using the park; the lights add a lot to the street. Foster Park: Jan E. reported that enhancements to this park is coming

up in 2019. She will be meeting with the parks department soon. Housing: Kate D. reported that there is an illegal AirBnB being run out of a house on Prospect SE. The house is not owner-occupied. The neighbors have been calling and feel that it is not a good situation. Tansy H. explained that enforcement actually comes from the City Clerk’s office as that is where the license is generated.

Administration: Institutional Liaisons: Wes. B. is coordinating a meeting with near neighbors and Wayne N. concerning the planned addition to GRCC.

Fundraising and Finance:

Home Tour: Kate D. reported that 4 homes have committed for the 2019 tour and that one is from the 1969 tour which creates a full circle in celebration of Home Tour’s 50th anniversary. Heritage Place and Fountain Street church are both excited to be on Tour; the latter is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

Pledge Drive: The residential letter is out; membership and commercial are soon to follow.

New Business: Wendy F. remarked that Kameel’s new Middle Eastern restaurant on Lyon St. NE is open, the food is wonderful and they have many vegetarian options. Lisa B. mentioned that the new restaurant “The Common” at the Oakwood is opening soon and will serve comfort food.

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