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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 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 rhaber@gcity.org.

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2. Serve as a go-between for victims, their families, scene officials and emergency service providers.
3. Advocates are required to attend a 20-hour training program offered by the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association that includes topics such as the stages of grief, effective communication, law enforcement protocols, confidentiality, referrals and community resources. Continuing education programs are also offered periodically. In addition, trainee advocates are required to shadow senior advocates on at least three different types of call-out situations before being considered for senior advocate status.

Victim Advocate Requirements

- Successfully pass the interview and background process.
- Possess a valid driver license and reliable transportation.
- Respond to scenes within 20 minutes of being called.
- Attend regular training and meetings.
- Be available on-call for at least one week at a time for an 8-hour shift.
- Commitment to maintain victim confidentiality, display empathy and good customer services skills.

The Victim Services Unit is comprised of volunteer advocates from the Grand Rapids Community who represent diverse backgrounds, education, ethnicities, ages and genders. Advocates are skilled and trained as a team-member to assist first responders in dealing with the victim or the victim’s family crisis situations.

The Victim Advocates are the helping hands of the police, fire and medical personnel – freeing the departments to do their jobs without leaving the victim / families out in the cold or ignored.

GRPD is looking for volunteers. If you or someone you know would be interested in more information, please contact Julie Niemchick – Crime Prevention Coordinator at 456-3363.
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SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / 9:00 A.M.- 2 P.M.

A work of art always looks better in a beautiful frame. That is the case too, for the architectural masterpieces of Heritage Hill. Surround a home with a purple rhododendron here, a crimson Japanese maple there, add a dash of color with a perennial garden, complement a special spot with a fountain, a statue or two and VOILÀ! - the colors, textures and patterns of nature, with a dash of human artistry, make for a more stunning portrait of a lovely Queen Anne home or a stately Georgian mansion. This year's Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M. A leisurely stroll through our neighborhood on a self-guided tour will lead you to small intimate gardens, wooded hideaways, pollinator-friendly gardens filled with blazing color and quiet retreats from the cares of the day. Over the years, more and more neighbors have been finding joy in the art of gardening and we would love to share the fruits of all the planning, planting, pruning and preening that have brought the Hill so beautifully into bloom.

Tickets will be on sale on the day of tour for $10 at Central Reformed Church at 10 College N.E., where the church has generously offered their lot for free parking. There is additional parking at Elders Helpers at 500 Cherry S.E. and at the Children’s Discovery Center at 409 Lafayette S.E. You may reserve tickets ( $8 ) ahead of time at the Heritage Hill Office or by ordering online at heritagehillweb.org or by calling (616) 459-8950 up to the Thursday before the tour. See you on the garden path!

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FIFTY YEARS! Time flies when you’re having fun! The founding members of the Heritage Hill Association who so earnestly fought to preserve the neighborhood would be amazed to see how many homes have been restored, how many gardens have been planted, how safe and neighborly our treasured neighborhood is. Many of these homes have been part of our mission, and this year you will see some of the finest that the Hill has to offer. We are fortunate to have an exceptional Craftsman Style home on College Ave., that were on the very first tour half a century ago. The seven homes, one apartment and four institutions on tour this year vary in style and decor, but what they all have in common is the grandeur of the room. As you leave, a stroll through the garden is recommended as the flowers that were considered quite a posh place to live. It was torn down with several others on this side of the block soon after World War II and was replaced with a commercial office building. That outdated building was razed to make room for this new structure. Visitors will be able to tour the new apartment building as well as a restored carriage house that belonged to the original home and that has been restored and is now being used as a community center for the residents.

545 FOUNTAIN N.E.
HOSTS: JULIE & JOHN COLVIN
Built in 1892, this charming example of Queen Anne architecture is one of the older homes on tour this year. The exterior details include a two-story turret, a three-story tower, bay windows, front and side porticos and intricate shingle patterns, all beneath the eyebrow window and the six gables of the roof. This house was built for William Lamoreaux, a successful seed and garden supply merchant. It passed through several hands and was converted to a two-family dwelling over the years. The current owners have restored it to a single family with an artist’s sense of whimsy and fun. Every room is a visual delight with paintings, sculptures and playful artwork of every kind, most of which was created by Julie or by other Michigan artists. The unique wisteria staircase, large windows, many with stained-glass, the handsome fireplaces and the beautiful woodwork create the perfect backdrop for the live-in art gallery that Julie and John have made for themselves and that they so graciously are sharing with us.

20 GAY S.E.
HOSTS: BARBARA & RON SCHULTZ
Perfection. Its the optimum word to describe this magnificent Georgian Revival Style brick mansion, built in 1908 by John and Margaret Duffy. Duffy was the president of the Grand Rapids Hardware Company, a bank chairman and an inventor of the large-scale architectural pulley system that made him his fortune. Known as a gifted vocalist and as president of the Schubert Society, he carried his passion for music into the design of his home with a built-in pipe organ whose sound resonates throughout the house through vents in the floor. The front door opens to a spacious central foyer with an elegant staircase. To each side, large pocket doors lead to a mahogany-lined dining room with a crystal chandelier that took six men to install, a large kitchen with fireplace, a wood-lined library and a music room with a bright and airy sunporch that overlooks the patio and swimming pool. There is even a working elevator that can be taken to the four, second-story bedrooms, each with its own bath. The owners’ collections of paintings, fine, antique furniture (much of it made by Grand Rapids craftsmen) and Persian rugs add a warmth and personal touch to this elegant home. The surrounding gardens complete the picture perfectly.

50 COLLEGE S.E. - HERITAGE PLACE
HOST: PURE REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT
This attractive apartment building, called Heritage Place, is the newest addition to Heritage Hill. The design was selected with input from the surrounding neighbors and the resulting plan blends in well with the surrounding neighborhood. Construction was recently completed and many of the 86 studio, one bedroom and two bedroom apartments have been rented. Originally, a home was built here in the 1900’s by the Wither family when this block was considered quite a posh place to live. It was torn down with several others on this side of the block soon after World War II and was replaced with a commercial office building. That outdated building was razed to make room for this new structure. Visitors will be able to tour the new apartment building as well as a restored carriage house that belonged to the original home and that has been restored and is now being used as a community center for the residents.

231 PARIS S.E.
HOST: KAY COLVIN
This fine Italianate home has been transformed from the pariah of the neighborhood to the grand lady she is today thanks to the vision and determination of the current owner. Built in 1875, it is the oldest house on the tour, and Kay began her restoration in 1987. The highlights of the interior include a stunning oak library that the original owner, a noted restaurant owner, had built to replicate one found in the Scottish castle of Sir Walter Scott. The faux marble columns, skillfully designed to use every possible space in the maisonnette, oak lined library that the original owner, a noted restaurant owner, had built to replicate one found in the Scottish castle of Sir Walter Scott. The faux marble columns, skillfully designed to use every possible space in the maisonnette, are a focal point in the distinctive Georgian Revival Style brick mansion, built in 1908 by John and Margaret Duffy. Duffy was the president of the Grand Rapids Hardware Company, a bank chairman and an inventor of the large-scale architectural pulley system that made him his fortune. Known as a gifted vocalist and as president of the Schubert Society, he carried his passion for music into the design of his home with a built-in pipe organ whose sound resonates throughout the house through vents in the floor. The front door opens to a spacious central foyer with an elegant staircase. To each side, large pocket doors lead to a mahogany-lined dining room with a crystal chandelier that took six men to install, a large kitchen with fireplace, a wood-lined library and a music room with a bright and airy sunporch that overlooks the patio and swimming pool. There is even a working elevator that can be taken to the four, second-story bedrooms, each with its own bath. The owners’ collections of paintings, fine, antique furniture (much of it made by Grand Rapids craftsmen) and Persian rugs add a warmth and personal touch to this elegant home. The surrounding gardens complete the picture perfectly.

332 COLLEGE S.E.
HOSTS: CHRIS & TOM TRUESDALE
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440 COLLEGE S.E.
HOSTS: JANE & REID TAYLOR
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Preserve the history, the architecture and the dreams of all those who believed in the neighborhood. The tree-lined streets have become. From the beginning fifty years ago, the desire to share the beauty have two of the homes, an impressive Georgian Revival Style mansion on Gay Street and an inn and four institutions on tour this year vary in style and decor, but what they all have in common is the current owners who have added their own personal sense of design to the treasures that are to celebrate our 50th anniversary by joining us for a tour to remember- THE BEST TOUR EVER!

L. COURTNEY

The home has been transformed from the pariah of to the grand lady she is today thanks to the vision of the current owner. Built in 1875, it is the tour this year and it was definitely showing its age in the two-year-long restoration. The highlights of the a stunning oak foyer, eleven-foot, high ceilings, arched antrane woodwork throughout the home. Fireplaces in two rooms and the oak-paneling in the office have a stain of old-forest wood. A kitchen/dining area was a former parlor. The show-stopper is a two-story, 19th century home that has a view to the gardens and is recommended as the flowers that of the year.

20 GAY S.E.

HOSTS: JANE & REID TAYLOR

Voigt, son of the Voigt Museum family of Carlichis Queen Anne Style home has Craftsman Style added to the exterior’s charm and character including a Juliet porch and stucco and wood patterns in several rooms. As you enter you are greeted with wide, low eaves that extend outward and long windows. Fans of the Prairie Style in the overhanging eaves and horizontal bands of wildflowers create a quiet country garden. The kitchen has 100 years of gathering space. The stove is tucked into a stone “cave.” Natural materials were used throughout including oak wood and wrought iron railings all contribute to the unique homes in the Hill. The oak-lined library that the original owner, a noted Grand Rapids lawyer named Roger Butterfield, skillfully designed to use every possible space in a former parlor. The show-stopper is a two-story, 1912 doubles the room. The front door is framed by two windows, a lattice work ceiling and a decorative trailing vine pattern create a quaint country garden feel. The storm door at the entrance provides privacy for antique pieces passed down through the family. Three bedrooms, a sleeping porch shaded by a glorious maple tree. In the dining room, dark oak woodwork is the backdrop for a working garden fountain that was built in 1893 for Charles Heald, president of the Pere Marquette Railroad. He loved the house so much that, after moving away when the railroad offices left for Detroit, he bought the house back when he returned to Grand Rapids twenty years later. It’s easy to see why. As you enter the elegant foyer with its parquet floor and broad, inviting stairway there is a music room with stained-glass windows on the first floor. A large, tiled sunporch with the afore-mentioned fountain. To the east are the living and dining rooms with leaded windows and an eclectic collection of rare antiques. Kitty designed a spectacular kitchen by converting several oak furniture pieces into cupboards with beautiful countertops and a hammered-nickel, smoothie sink. The stove is tucked into a stone “cave.” Natural materials were used throughout including a slate floor and a tin ceiling. The dramatic Craftsman Shingle Style exterior of this home with its stacked bay windows. The house was built in 1924. There are touches of the Prairie Style in the overhanging eaves and horizontal expanses of windows. The current family has remodeled the kitchen, but few structural changes have ever been made to the home perhaps because it was designed so well. The original lighting and plumbing fixtures have been preserved. Large French doors line both sides of the hallway, giving a light and airy feel to the first floor. The living room extends the full length of the house with an imposing fireplace as a focal point and a sunporch extending out that is perfect for a summer’s day, shaded by a glorious maple tree. In the dining room, dark oak woodwork is the backdrop for antique pieces passed down through the family. Three bedrooms, a sleeping porch and two full baths upstairs, a finished basement with a pool room and fireplace and an attached heated garage complete the layout of this family-friendly home.

501 MORRIS S.E.

HOSTS: CATHY & MIKE BOSSCHER

John Burch was an executive with Burch Fabric and Upholstery, a supplier to the furniture trade in Grand Rapids. He and his wife asked well-known architect, Pierre Lindha, to custom design this stately American Foursquare Style home in 1924. There are touches of the Prairie Style in the overhanging eaves and horizontal expanses of windows. The current family has remodeled the kitchen, but few structural changes have ever been made to the home perhaps because it was designed so well. The original lighting and plumbing fixtures have been preserved. Large French doors line both sides of the hallway, giving a light and airy feel to the first floor. The living room extends the full length of the house with an imposing fireplace as a focal point and a sunporch extending out that is perfect for a summer’s day, shaded by a glorious maple tree. In the dining room, dark oak woodwork is the backdrop for antique pieces passed down through the family. Three bedrooms, a sleeping porch and two full baths upstairs, a finished basement with a pool room and fireplace and an attached heated garage complete the layout of this family-friendly home.

MEYER MAY HOUSE

HOST: STEELCASE CORPORATION

The Meyer May House, built in 1909 is a Frank Lloyd Wright Prairie Style masterpiece that has been meticulously restored down to the finest detail. The exterior is made of long, narrow bricks, with wide, low eaves that extend outward and long bands of windows that all contribute to the horizontal feel typical of a Wright building. A discreet side entryway leads to a close stairway that opens to a spacious living room. There, the glowing, earth-toned, stained-glass windows flood the rooms with light that reflects off of the tiles in the fireplace. Ubiquitous oak

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woodwork is used to create lines that emphasize the horizontal feel of the Prairie Style. The golden wood gives a pleasant warmth to every room. A long-hidden, hand-painted mural of poppies was discovered and restored and it now graces the dining room where even the china was designed by FLW. Every fixture and all of the furnishings and fabrics are either the originals or exact reproductions of Wright’s designs. This home is a national treasure and we thank Steelcase for sharing it with us again this year.

FOUNTAIN STREET CHURCH
HOSTS: THE CONGREGATION

Fountain Street Church is also celebrating an important anniversary this year - 150 years as an evolving, spiritual community centered in one of Grand Rapids’ finest examples of Romanesque architecture. This stone structure, with its beautifully-tiled floors and majestic coffered ceilings, is a landmark in our city. The members would like to welcome visitors to view their magnificent church, filled with precious Byzantine art, murals and mosaics. The history of this building and the story of the people responsible for its existence and continued growth as a progressive faith community is a fascinating one and an integral part of the history of the city itself.

THE SWEET HOUSE
HOSTS: THE SWEET HOUSE FOUNDATION

Martin L. Sweet built this ornate Italianate Style home in the early 1860’s during the Civil War era. He was successful in a variety of businesses from lumber to banking and he was the first Republican Mayor of Grand Rapids. In the early 1900’s the home was used as a music school and then a low-end boarding house before the Women’s City Club purchased it in 1927 and restored it to its former glory, adding a dining room and an auditorium. From the widow’s watch turret atop a roof with double-bracketed eaves to the portico-covered entry with its fan-light window, the façade is a work of art. The original interior has a series of intimate rooms coming off of a central hallway. Members donated exceptional antique pieces and fine art to furnish the home. The Women’s City Club no longer uses the building, but the Foundation is maintaining it as an important part of Grand Rapids’ history. It now serves as a special events venue.

THE MUSEUM SCHOOL
HOST: GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Gone are the stuffed, rabbit-eating foxes and the grazing moose! Today the newly-repurposed building at the corner of Lafayette and State Street is filled with eager students in a state-of-the-art learning environment. This 1938 Art Deco Style building was the home of the Public Museum for decades and more recently was used for artifact storage once the museum moved to its new downtown location. Extensive renovation was required and funding was supported by a ten million dollar grant from the Gates Foundation which recognized the program for its innovative approach to learning. The Museum School is open to students in grades 6-12 and it will celebrate the completion of its first year with students this June. GRPS invites the community to come and see the amazing transformation of the site and to hear about this exciting new learning opportunity for the children of our city.
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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Residential Parking Permit Program Update

In January, 2019, we sent out an e-alert to all neighbors about the possibility of the city implementing permit parking in Heritage Hill. We compiled the responses we received, identified several heavily-parked streets and sent that information to the City of Grand Rapids’ Parking Services Department. At our request, Parking Services conducted a survey in the neighborhood this spring and they identified several streets as needing this program to alleviate parking pressures. The next steps include this measure going to the city commission where a public hearing will be held before any changes are made. This process could take a few more months but we hope to see it up for a vote this fall. If you would like to see the results of the parking study, please call or e-mail our office.

To find out more about parking permits including fees, please visit: https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Programs-and-Initiatives/Residential-Parking-Permit-RPP-Program
Goodbye to our Community Officer
Sad News! Our very own Craig Glowney has left his position as our Community Officer as of March 28, 2019. He has moved into a position in the Evidence Room at the GRPD. We wish him all the best but he will certainly be missed around here. We will introduce the new Community Officer to the neighborhood as soon as a new hire comes on board but the process could take several months. The interim Community Officer is JP Guerrero: jguerrer@grand-rapids.mi.us.

Welcome to First Church in the heart of the city — a progressive Christian community of faith that embraces all. We are committed to faith development that leads to engagement in acts of justice, mercy, and service.

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(Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend)
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Crosswalk Safety Improvements
Several traffic signals throughout the city will soon be seeing updated countdown features for pedestrians. Crosswalks within Heritage Hill scheduled for improvements include: the corners of College & Fulton, Lafayette & Cherry, Fulton & Union and Fulton & Lafayette. Please remember to look for pedestrians while driving and traffic coming from all directions while walking. Southbound traffic on College turning onto Fulton sometimes fail to see pedestrians and our many of crosswalks are in need of new paint!

Summer Safety Reminders
Keep on locking car, garage and home doors and keep valuable items inside when not in use. Remember to keep porch lights on during the summer; it keeps streets warm & welcoming and deters petty crime by increasing visibility. If you need a bulb, stop in to our office and say so.... We’ll give you a FREE lightbulb!

Opioid Overdose – How you can help!
I had the opportunity to meet with Megan Rocha-Adams, the Opioid Program Manager at the Red Project recently to gather some information on how Neighborhood Associations can help with the opioid epidemic.
Opioid overdose is a community health epidemic, both prescription...
Pleasant Park Clean-up Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to help clean up Pleasant Park on the windy morning of April 13! We had a turnout of nearly 70 people there to help rake, remove weeds and spread a lot of mulch. A special thanks goes to Joe with his bobcat, making light of tough work. Thanks to the Neighborhood Match Fund from the City of Grand Rapids, we also enjoyed food from our local Van’s Bakery and Provenzano’s Heritage Hill Pizza together and we were able to play for a bit afterwards!
Board Notes

Welcome new members: James Scozzori and John Walendowski.

Discuss, decide the Association’s position on three land use proposals:
- **Cornerstone Church Addition**
  - The Heritage Hill Association Zoning Committee met with representatives of the Church and reviewed plans. It is similar in mass to a 1960’s addition and the new addition has detail/features found in both the original building and the 1960’s addition. A motion was made to support the Zoning Committee’s letter of review of the addition, seconded and approved by board.

- Addressing the City’s next piece of the “Housing Now” initiative
  - The City Commission will vote next week on GR Zoning Code text change that will allow 2-units by right on corner lots in an attempt to encourage affordable housing in small-scale investments. To achieve that goal, the HHA Zoning Committee recommended that the 2-family by right only be applied to those applications that develop affordable units. The Zoning Committee also encouraged the use of the qualified approval as is being applied to ADU (Accessory Dwelling Units). Qualified approval is the process of notifying neighbors within the 300’ radius of the request. If there is one complaint, the request would be heard by the Planning Commission. If there are no complaints, the request would

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Pleasant Park Egg Hunt

The Fifth Annual Egg Hunt put on by the Pleasant Park neighbors was a great success on April 20! Children of all ages (and parents too) gathered at Pleasant Park on Saturday, April 20 to hunt down hundreds of eggs. By then end, every egg was found!
be administratively approved by the Planning Department if code guidelines are met. Jan offered statistics that show 87% of Heritage Hill neighborhood corners are already multi-family, while city information tells us that 76% of Grand Rapids’ residential corners are single family housing. A motion was made to accept the zoning committee’s comments regarding the proposal as written, supported and passed. (Editor’s note – The City Commission approved the zoning text change without change - affordable or a qualified approval are not part of the code change.

- 200 Madison SE -The HHA Zoning Committee recommended supporting this development. Twenty-two affordable apartments in this former church property will go before the Planning Commission on March 28. Parking bonuses - being on or near several transportation routes, affordable housing results in 18 parking spots being required on site. Eleven will be inside the building (as will the trash dumpster), three in front of the building and four in the back (in a unique lot-sharing strategy with the Stratford Arms on Morris SE). The only objection the Zoning Committee had refers to the width of the driveway access to/from Cherry Street SE being too wide and a narrower approach to preserve green space is being requested. The letter of support was approved by the board. (Editor’s note – The Planning Commission approved the request and did reduce the Cherry driveway width.)

Treasurer’s Report:
Applause to Mercy Health for the $5,000 donation; line items are pretty much in line with where they should be for this time of year.

Staff Reports:
Written reports were supplied to members.

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Amanda’s report discussed recent incidents. She is also studying the marijuana dispensaries process and how policies/laws will affect life and business in the neighborhood.

**Community Engagement** – Chris G. said the group looked at the usual annual events (i.e., National Night Out, Annual Potluck Dinner, etc.), but are also looking at additional neighborhood engagement ideas.

**Fundraising** – Kate D. announced there were 8 homes and 4 institutions lined-up for this May’s Home Tour. We are still in need of many volunteers. John W. has jumped into fundraising and talked briefly about his foray into the Friends/Sponsors campaign. He solicited help and suggestions for potential sponsors from Board members. The Garden Tour is scheduled for June 15 and will include gardens in both the north and south ends.

**Discussion at the April, 2019 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:**

**Call for New Business** – Maria Z. S. provided an update of exterior maintenance that will be completed at the Voigt House this spring and summer on porch as well as some painting.

**Cancel May Board meeting** - The Executive Committee moved to cancel the May Board meeting due to its proximity to Home Tour. Board approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report** – Erin S. reported that the March report was not yet available as the bookkeeper had been quite busy with tax season. Members agreed that the report could be sent via email when available.

**Staff Reports:** Written reports were submitted. Members discussed Community Policing and various issues concerning the GRPD. Members also discussed the very successful clean-up at Pleasant Park (complete with Provenzano’s Heritage Hill Pizza!) and the plans that the Parks Department at the city has for improvements at both Pleasant and Foster Parks.

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- Senator William Alden Smith Estate – Grand Rapids, MI
- Hackley and Hume Estate – Muskegon County Museum, MI
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DATES TO REMEMBER

All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

May, 2019 Board Meeting
Canceled due to proximity to Home Tour

Saturday and Sunday
May 18 and 19, 2019

Heritage Hill Annual Weekend Tour of Homes

Saturday, June 1, 2019
Heritage Hill Yard Sales Day

Saturday, June 15, 2019
Garden Tour
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019
HHA Board Meeting – 7:00 pm.
Mercy Health Saint Mary’s Hauenstein Center
H1 Community Room
Cherry Street, between Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues

Monday, July 1, 2019
July/August Herald newsletter deadline

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Night-Out Social at Pleasant Park
5:30 to 8:00