September 6, 2023
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.

**Office Staff:**
Barbara Draughon, Executive Director
Maria Zache Starkey, Office Manager
Laska Nygaard, Community Organizer

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- *Kurt Macdonald, Trinity Health (appointed)
- *Wayne Norlin, Morris Ave SE
- Matthew Smith, Lafayette NE (appointed)

Heritage Hill Association board of directors meets at 7pm at the Community Education room of Trinity Health at 200 Jefferson Ave SE. The meetings are open to the public. Please contact the office at heritage@heritagehillweb.org or 616-459-8950 for access codes for any upcoming meeting.

**Heritage Hill Association Contacts:**
- Finance: Carolyn Ferrari
- Newsletter: Barbara Draughon
- Preservation: Rhonda Baker
- Traffic and Parking: Wayne Norlin
- Zoning: Suzanne De Haan
- Home Tour: Suzanne De Haan
- Sponsorship: Barbara Draughon
- Social Media: Barbara Draughon
- State Street: Barbara Draughon
- Block Issues: Laska Nygaard

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@grvtd.org.

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**HHA is MOVING!**
All good things come to an end. The HHA has enjoyed our location tucked back in the corner of the old Bissell family mansion property (now WOOD TV) for close to 50 years. Our house once was home to the mansion’s caretaker and family. WOOD TV has been our partner for these last five decades and we will miss our friends there! However, as a neighborhood association, our location has always been hard to find tucked far from the street and sidewalks.

With the help of our partners at

126 College SE: former Bissell family mansion (current site of WOOD TV)

126 College SE: former caretakers’ home of Bissell mansion (former site of HHA)

Trinity Health, we have found a new location at 252 State St. Though the long term plan that Trinity has for that site is yet to be determined, the location will make our mission easier to fulfill in the shorter term and our presence easier to find for neighbors. We will continue to look for a permanent location, but this will be a great landing place for these next couple of years.

State Street is such an important gateway to HH and connector with downtown; there is a bright future for that area of HH and we are excited to

252 State St. SE, Suite 101: new home of HHA
be a part of it all! You can find us there as of September 6. Please come by and visit!

**Sweet Book**
The former home of Martin Sweet stands at the SE corner of Lafayette and Fulton. It offers a stately welcome to all who enter Heritage Hill. Now, it’s graced with a book of its own written by Grand Rapids native, Carol R. Dodge. *The Mayor, The Maestro, and the Mansion: Martin Sweet, Ottokar Malek, and the Sweet House* offers a unique perspective on the history of Grand Rapids and is told through the lives of the two prominent men who lived in the Sweet House but are not commonly recognized: Martin Sweet who was a mayor, entrepreneur, and the richest man in Grand Rapids for many years; Ottokar Malek, an internationally famous pianist who established a highly acclaimed music school in the Sweet House and his orchestra which became the Grand Rapids Symphony. Carol is passionate about the home and has served on the Sweet House Foundation board of trustees and the Women’s City Club before that. Carol donates any proceeds from the book to be reinvested into the preservation of the home which is now a non-profit event venue. Carol is busy presenting to book clubs and historical interest groups. To purchase a book, learn more, or to schedule Carol for your own book club or other gathering, contact Carol Dodge at dodger@voyager.net

**Neighborhood Walking Tours!**
Courtesy of the Community Engagement Committee of the Heritage Hill Association, our *guided walking tours* are BACK by popular demand! We’ve partnered again with Caroline Cook of GR Running Tours to bring us SIX walking tours themed by the upcoming seasons.

- **Tuesday, September 12 @ 6:00 p.m.:** Heritage Hill History of Homes
- **Tuesday, October 3 @ 6:00 p.m. and Monday, October 23 @ 6:00 p.m.:** Fulton Street Graveyard
- **October 17 @ 6:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, Dec. 10 @ 6:00 p.m.:** Heritage Hill Holiday Lights

Tickets are $15/each and will be available on EventBrite. Find the link on our web page at [www.heritagehillweb.org](http://www.heritagehillweb.org) Tour meet-up locations will be provided upon completion of purchase.

**BOO!**
As Halloween gets closer, HHA will use social media and email to get the word out about “trunk-or-treat” activities being planned in Heritage Hill for youngsters. Stay tuned for more info by following us on Facebook @heritagehill or Instagram @heritagehillassociation Or contact us to get on our email list.
Have you outgrown your home?

Here’s what you should consider when the size of your home no longer suits your needs.

Whether you need more space or you’ve discovered that you have too much space, I can help you make the right next move. We’ll work together to determine your wants and needs, as well as the key aspects of resizing your next home so that you can make an informed move.

Let’s address your needs today—and your evolving needs of the future.

US homeowners stay in their homes for a median of 13 years*. That means you need to make sure you find a home that is right home for you now—and 10+ years down the road. I’ll help you identify and find the best home for the next chapter of your life.

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*Source: NAR 2018 1-year American Community Survey
**JOIN the Heritage Hill Association Board of Directors – HHA Seeking 5 Board Candidates for Election at Annual Meeting**

Per the Heritage Hill Association by-laws, five board terms are open annually for election to the HHA board. Board members are elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting and neighborhood holiday gathering on December 12, 2023 at the historic Sweet House. [*Save that date on your calendar!*] The board terms are for 3 years to begin on January 1, 2024 and end December 31, 2026.

**The deadline for submitting your candidacy is November 1, 2023.** A slate will appear along with a brief statement from each candidate in the November/December *Herald*.

To serve, board members must be residents of the Heritage Hill neighborhood or be paid non-resident members ($25/yr. to be a non-resident HHA member). It is very helpful to have been somewhat active in Association activities or committees, but this is not a requirement to serve on the board.

The duties of Association board members include:

- Monthly board meetings - the third Wednesday of the month – approximately 1 hour long - 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- Chairing or active participation on at least 1 HHA committee - monthly or quarterly meetings. Some committees, such as Home Tour, demand more of a time commitment.
- Attendance at HHA-sponsored events - i.e. Annual Picnic, Annual Meeting, walking tours, etc.
- Actively representing your neighbors to the board.
- Actively representing the board to your neighbors.

The board wants and needs active leadership in the organization and representation from the entire neighborhood. Whether you’re a renter, an owner, new to the neighborhood or a "seasoned" neighbor, you are WANTED!

*We especially seek those with an interest in and knowledge of nonprofit finance and budgets*

If interested in learning more or to secure a nomination form, please call the Association office at 616-459-8950 or email heritage@heritagehillweb.org

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**WE WANT YOU**
Some neighbors made Heritage Hill Association aware some recent passings and even shared some memories of long time residents who will be missed:

Fred Lewis (Jan 16, 1929 – May 3, 2021), long time resident of Heritage Hill, passed away peacefully at his home after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his daughter Odessa Lewis, his brother Henry Allen Lewis, and loving friend Dorothy Douston. Fred lived at 535 Madison SE for 42 years. You may remember him from his spot on the porch, catching a breeze, and saying hello to the neighbors and people passing by. He had a sweet friendship with his landlord's boxer, Ms. Betty White, and of course her owner Liz. Fred was a World War II Veteran. After he retired, he spent many years delivering for Meals on Wheels. He was a kind and generous man, and will be missed.

Kay Courtney (July 28, 1934 – May 4, 2021) passed away peacefully after an extended struggle with cancer and the residual effects of a stroke. She was born in Indianapolis IN and studied journalism at Indiana University. She later married and had two children, Jim and Claire. In 1960 Kay relocated to Michigan where she worked as an editor before moving to Grand Rapids to become a residential real estate broker, and later establishing Kay Courtney & Associates. She found her passion in real estate and particularly loved and appreciated historic homes. Kay was known for her ethics, assertiveness, knowledge, and as an inspiring mentor to many realtors until her retirement in 2016 at the age of 82! It is well known that Kay deeply loved her adopted home town of Grand Rapids as she was a long-time resident of Heritage Hill, a steadfast patron of the arts, and a generous contributor to many community developments. Neighbor Liz Klinzing says, “If you live in Heritage Hill, there is a good chance Kay was involved in selling your house at some time. She was referred to as the ‘Queen of the Hill’, and worked tirelessly to help people get into a beautiful old home. And it did not stop there. She had a list of people that specialized in the restoration of historic homes, and would generously provide help and advice to homeowners. She would invite you in to chat, share advice, and admire her beautiful home. She was one tough cookie, but the people that loved her knew she had a heart of gold. She was an icon in the Hill. Her many loyal friends here will miss her dearly.”
list your apartment right at the website or stop by the HHA office. We welcome you!

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The Heritage Hill Association publishes available apartments.

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- No yard waste or building materials will be accepted. No sod, tree limbs, broken concrete, drywall, wood, or asphalt.
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- DO be prepared to unload your own trash. Assistance will be available to those who need help.

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Judy Clowney
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Crime Prevention
Grand Rapids is experiencing a high rate of car break-ins, and Heritage Hill is not immune. Over the summer we have received reports each week of vehicles broken into. In some cases, valuables were left in the vehicles and were stolen, in other cases the vehicles were just rifled through. Commonly, vehicles were left unlocked. In addition, cash was stolen from a local commercial business and bikes were stolen from garages. One homeowner reported to the GRPD that forced entry was committed during the night while they were home. Entry was made by climbing up on lawn equipment left outside, cutting a hole in the screen of an open casement window, and climbing inside. The burglar was scared away when the owner announced his presence. Nothing was taken.

Here are ways to help stay secure:

- Keep your garage and vehicles locked. Do not leave valuables in vehicles. Even items that look like they might have valuables in them – such as a purse or bag or box – can attract a break in, even if the container is empty.
- If your vehicle suffers a break-in, even if there is no damage or theft, call 311 to report it. By reporting to these to the City’s 311 system, it helps police to keep abreast of crime trends and better allocate their officers. GRPD, like many police departments, is currently experiencing a shortage of officers and is actively hiring. Go to www.joingrpd.com for hiring information.
- Keep home windows and doors locked. Ensure the locks are in good working order and add pins and extra locks to secure them against break-ins. Keep yard furniture and equipment put away so they cannot be used to abet access to a window. Keep landscaping trimmed to avoid areas where strangers can hide.
- Secure all firearms with a gun lock and in a safe. GRPD has free gun locks available at 1 Monroe Center. If you want help obtaining a gun lock, contact us.
- Always, if a violent, unsafe, illegal, or suspected illegal activity is actively occurring, call 911.
- Call or email to let us know about any suspected or illegal activity, or any concerns. This helps us help you and the neighborhood.

HHA provides free home security assessments to help identify areas of your home where security can be improved. Call us to schedule an appointment.

Back to School – Sharing the Road
As the new school year begins, parents will be reminding their children about safety on the way to school, whether they walk, ride a bike, or take the school bus. It is also time for motorists to take extra care on the road. The following safety considerations apply in all school zones, to parent drivers as well as other motorists:

- Children should not be loaded or unloaded across the street from their school. This problem that has been reported by neighbors around...
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GR Montessori and Innovation Central, with children almost being hit.

- Do not block traffic, do not double park. These can block visibility for children and other vehicles. Considering carpooling, to reduce the number of cars in traffic.
- Drive slowly. Keep alert for pedestrians, cyclists, crossing patrols, and blinking lights. In school zones, be prepared to stop and yield at any time; children often are unpredictable, tending to ignore hazards and take risks.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
- When stopped at a red light or waiting to turn, make sure to stay out of the crosswalk to ensure that pedestrians have room to walk without having to step into the path of moving traffic.
- Bikes can be hard to see. Cyclists – especially children – can emerge from driveways, intersections, and/or move in front of your car without looking or signaling. Keep an eye out for cyclists, and give them a wide berth.
- When driving behind a school bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. If yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop from all directions, and move only when the lights have stopped and the stop arm is withdrawn. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. Avoid passing school buses.

Prevent Flooding - Keep Storm Drains Clear of Debris

The Grand River Watershed has 50,000+ storm drains, which drain directly into our waterways. Keeping storm drains free of debris helps to protect the environment, manage storm water, minimize flooding, and shrink mosquito populations. Consider working with neighbors to keep your storm drains on your block clear of leaves or other debris. This is especially important as autumn brings leaf fall. Leaves can prevent fall rains and winter snowmelt from going down the drain. You and your block can visit www.adoptadrain-lgrow.org to view a map of storms in the neighborhood and register to adopt a drain.

October is Fire Prevention Month

The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families. According to Michael Curtis of the GR Fire Department, home escape planning is critical because, in a typical home fire, residents may have as little as two minutes to escape safely once a smoke alarm sounds.

Working smoke alarms should be on every
level of the home, in every bedroom, and adjoining bedroom hallways. An effective plan should include two ways out—a door and an operable escape window—for every sleeping room. The window sash must be low enough and unobstructed to give young children and the elderly access. Windowless bedrooms, particularly those in basements, should be avoided if possible.

GRFD offers these additional tips for developing and practicing a home escape plan:

- Draw a map of your home, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice a home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Practice closing doors behind you as you leave, to slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Keep a clear path to reach areas away a safe distance from the home. Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.

Seasonal Vaccinations
To avoid the misery of the seasonal viruses, check with your doctor about vaccinations. The CDC recommends that everyone six-months and older get an annual flu vaccine. The National Safety Council, also encourages everyone to get the current COVID-19 vaccine. People over age 65 are at greater risk for virus-related illness and death, according to the CDC. Children younger than five can also be at high risk. October is the ideal time to get vaccinated, as seasonal viruses start to spread, but can be done at any time.

Autumn Driving
As days shorten, we all drive more in reduced light. Depth perception, color recognition and peripheral vision can be compromised, and headlights can temporarily blind. Visibility with normal headlights is limited to about 250 feet, giving drivers less time to react to something in the road. To reduce risks:

- Slow down to compensate for more limited visibility and reduced stopping time.
- Make sure headlights and windshields are clean.
- Dim your dashboard.
- Look away from oncoming lights.
- Minimize distractions, like talking with passengers or listening to the radio. Michigan is a hands-free state.
- Do not drive if you are drowsy.

If you are a driver aged sixty or older, annual vision exams are important. Ask (cont’d on page 12)
 Neighborhhood Potpourri

(Cont’d from pg 11)

your doctor about prescriptions that may affect vision. Consider reducing speed, or limiting driving to daylight hours. And the National Safety Council’s Online Mature Defensive Driving Course can sharpen driving skills and help overcome some challenges of aging.

Halloween
To keep safe during Halloween fun, remember that young trick-or-treaters should be accompanied by adults. Adults should plan and review a safe route with older children before they set out alone, and set a specific return time. Children should stay in groups with friends, never enter a stranger’s home or car, and save treats until after they’re home and parents can check them.

Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. To help keep trick-or-treaters safe, motorists should extra care entering and exiting driveways and alleys, and be especially alert for children on roadways, medians and curbs, and who are wearing dark clothes/costumes.

Coming Up This Fall and Winter from HHA
- Block Clubbing: Heritage Hill Association Block Club Handbook and tips
- Neighborhood Survey Follow-Up: More Listening Sessions with neighbors on Public Safety (including traffic concerns) and Quality of Life
- Emergency Preparedness: Information from HHA on home emergency preparedness.

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Picnic Thanks

What a great National Night Out / Annual Picnic! Heritage Hill and South Hill neighbors came out to Pleasant Park, including a great pack of kids who enjoyed the wide variety of games and indulging in some free ice cream treats hosted by realtor & HHA neighbor, Jeff Martin. Thanks also to all from GRPD, GRFD and leadership at the City of Grand Rapids for making yourselves available to neighbors and sharing a hot dog or a popsicle!

A big shout out to HHA sponsor Jeff Martin Realty Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt for the donation of ice cream and popsicles, as well as sponsors PRC Grand Rapids and Urban Pharm. Much gratitude and thanks to neighbor Anthony Davis for his hotdogs with all the fixins’; his continued generosity is felt by all. Thank you also to awesome hot dog helpers Joyce Van Haitsma and Josh Sikkenga, many hands making light work! We appreciate the the City of Grand Rapids Community Development Block Grant program for their support of this and other public safety and neighborhood improvement programs!
For my 2023 donation to the Heritage Hill Association, I pledge:

Please give what you can to this united effort of creating a Heritage Hill neighborhood where you, your family and friends want to thrive.

Consider making an automatic monthly donation via PayPal or contact your bank for autopay options. You can use the form below or make your contribution via credit card or PayPal at our website www.heritagehillweb.org. Donations are tax deductible as directed by your current tax situation.

Please consider making a contribution to help make us a stronger neighborhood.

Here is what Heritage Hill Association does!

HERITAGE HILL ASSOCIATION

BUILD COMMUNITY

We build community through events such as:
- Trunk or treat with Pleasant Park Pals
- Movie in the Park with South Hill neighbors
- Shakespeare in the Park
- 1st Wednesday happy hour at the Commons
- Neighborhood walking tours
- Annual meeting of neighbors and holiday gathering

PUBLIC SAFETY

The HHA Public Safety program works with neighbors, businesses and the GR Police & Fire departments to keep our homes and blocks safer. In 2023 we:
- Hosted National Night Out Party
- Conducted listening sessions with neighbors about public safety issues
- Raised awareness of LED street lamps
- Provided yard signs with fire safety tips and reminders to “slow down” while driving our streets
- Provided neighbors a “ dormant day” to reduce trash accumulation and large item disposal

Let’s build MORE community in 2024!

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT

HHA activates neighbors to solve housing, zoning and traffic & parking issues in Heritage Hill. In 2023, we worked on:
- Traffic calming issues on our streets
- Engaging neighbors in new housing plans
- Improvements to State Street scape
- Park improvements
- Tended to noise and nuisance issues

Let’s work to make our homes & streets SAFER in 2024!

CONNECT NEIGHBORS

HHA connects neighbors to keep you up to date and active in our neighborhood. We connect neighbors via:
- E-blasts to neighbors. Contact us to get on our database!
- Social Media: FB: @HeritageHill and IG: @HeritageHillAssociation
- Bi-monthly newsletter mailed to all households
- Supporting block clubs

Let’s get the WORD out in 2024!

YOU CAN HELP!

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Board Notes

Discussion at the June 2023 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting

Included:

Committee Reports:

Action: Review and vote on updated records policy and authorized signatories – moved to approve (Suzanne) 2nd (Rich), carried unanimously

Action: resolution that the President, Vice President, and Treasurer are authorized on behalf of HHA to execute and deliver any contractual agreements and other documents as may be required by the city – moved to approve (Bryan) and 2nd (Jeremy), carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Administrative: New board member, Rebecca K. introduced – she will be the Trinity representative and lives in Heritage Hill. Discussion on filling last board vacancy – Rich suggested we wait until August since there will be no meeting in July.

Community Engagement:

National Night Out: Discussion of logistics and Amazon wish list for GRPS for school supplies drive at event.

Shakespeare in the Park – Volunteers needed to help at the information table (in addition to committee members staffing for each night).

Land Use: Wes B. and Jim P. attending HPC meeting tonight for 300 Wealthy Street. Proposed development at 241 State St. - housing – the developer has not yet purchased the property – received some pushback from HPC about proposed building height.

Fundraising:

*Home Tour: Revenue was approx. 15% above last year. Suzanne has already started working on next year’s tour. Bryan and Carolyn will be putting their apartments on the tour.

Fundraising ideas discussed including cotton candy, a film festival and a Roaring 20s neighbor party

*Garden tour – revenues this year were as budgeted. Maria Z. S. suggested a committee as the event is more than a one-person project.
Painting neighborhood streets is a concern found that speeding vehicles on our Thank you to everyone who responded Speeding

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*Discussion about volunteers included using personal relationships/friendships to recruit volunteers, offer incentives for volunteers, possible post-event celebrations.

Ad hoc committees:
*Office relocation – lease draft. One year lease term – can it be longer? Response was no/required for discounted rent – Rebecca to look into terms on other leases in the building.
*Tech/Website – no update
*Neighborhood survey – outreach to be tabled until fall due to summer vacations/low attendance.

Old Business/New Business:
Matthew S. asked about strategic plan – to be added to agenda for August and September meetings.

Motion to cancel the July board meeting (Rich), second (James), carried unanimously.

Discussion at the July 2023 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:
Due to summer vacations, the July meeting of the board was cancelled.

If you would like an item placed on the Board agenda, please call the HHA office at 459-8950 before 4:00 p.m. of the second WEDNESDAY of the month. If you would like to address the Board regarding an agenda item, public comment is taken at the beginning of each meeting. For non-agenda items, public comment is taken at the end of each meeting. Typically, Board meetings run from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

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2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

All Heritage Hill Association Meetings are open to neighbors.

**Wednesday, September 6**
MOVING DAY – Heritage Hill Office
New Address:
252 State St. SE, Suite 101

**Wednesday, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6, 5-7pm**
Heritage Hill First Wednesdays
Happy Hours
The Commons, @ The Oakwood
547 Cherry St. SE

**Wednesday, September 20, October 18, November 15 @ 7pm**
HHA Board Meeting
Community Education Conference Room - Hauenstein Center
220 Cherry St. SE

**Saturday, September 30, 2023 8am - Noon**
Heritage Hill Dumpster Day
Central Reformed Church
10 College Ave. NE (parking lot)

**Monday, October 30, 2023**
Herald content deadline – November/December issue

**Annual Dates**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**
Holiday Gathering/Annual Meeting
Sweet House, 254 Fulton E.

**Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2024**
Annual Weekend Tour of Homes

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