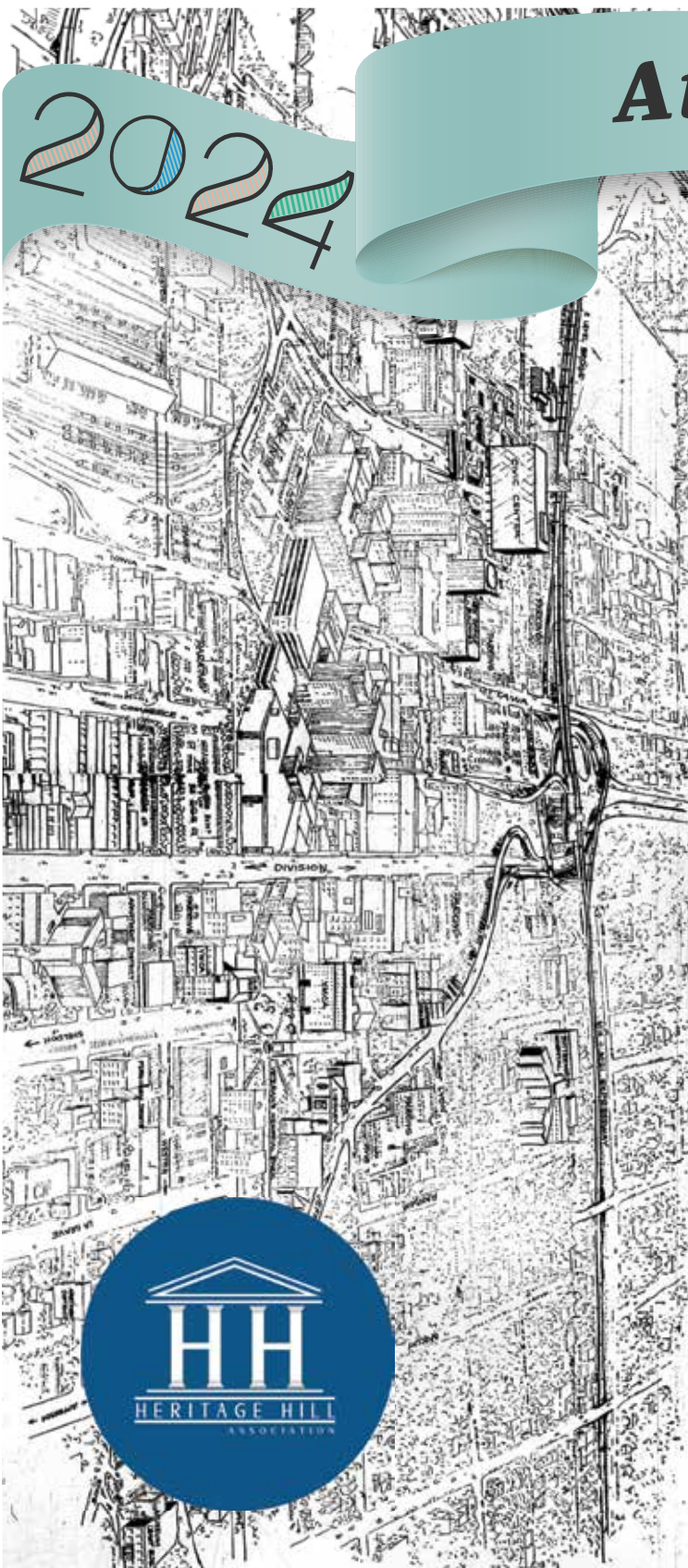


Heritage Herald

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The Newsletter of Heritage Hill

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Annual Report

At Heritage Hill Association, we are concerned with all aspects of our beautiful neighborhood as they relate to Heritage Hill residents. As a resident, you are a Member of HHA. In accordance with our Bylaws adopted by resident Members like you, we work on your behalf in order to:

- promote communication, cooperation, and friendship among residents;
- help maintain and improve neighborhood property and the physical appearance of our community;
- provide neighbors with a way of collectively building a healthy, historically preserved community in which people can live and work in a secure and stable environment;
- identify neighborhood problems and social needs, and develop and implement solutions;
- initiate neighborhood programs to improve the quality of life;
- develop a spirit of pride and individual obligation to the neighborhood;
- promote and develop a successful multi-racial, and multi-ethnic neighborhood.

In this issue, please find our Annual Report on our work of 2024.

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The Heritage Hill Association

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Want to be in-the-know and included in neighborhood e-blasts?

Contact our office to add your email address!

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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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 instructions for any upcoming meeting.

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 616-456-3451 or rbaker@grcity.org.

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Land Use

In 2024, continuing from 2023, land use-related matters and concerns arose repeatedly on varying fronts, and our Staff, Board and Committees responded. Below is some of our work in 2024.

Development

- The Heritage Court (aka "300 Wealthy") development hit a milestone this year with the completion of the renovation to 409 Prospect SE. The HHA Board supported the development at its beginning for its bringing more housing to meet Grand Rapids' needs, and because it would involve the renovation and preservation of two Heritage Hill homes. The developers invited the Board to see the amazing renovation. The home was sold to lovely new neighbors who visited our office for a historic plaque.
- After a presentation by Mary Free Bed to the HHA Board, the Board wrote the City Planning Commission to urge the approval of the design for the Joan Secchia Children's Rehabilitation Hospital (nearby to Heritage Court). Groundbreaking occurred in August and construction is ongoing. The plan involves a skyway with arch over Wealthy St.

City Community Master Plan

- The HHA Land Use Committee's deep-dive look at the City's draft Community Master Plan culminated in a letter of comment. The letter urged that the plan include benchmarks and quantifiable measures of success, and that adequate people and resources be assigned to carry out the plan's broad goals. It noted that historic preservation plays a vital role in the city, which was not attended to in the draft.
- Spurred by zoning, density and planning concerns, the HHA Board hosted our City Planning Department's liaison, Rowan Brady, last year to discuss the modern process by which the City initiates and officially adopts neighborhood Area-Specific Plans. Brady also explained and answered questions about an interpretation by the City Planning Director which grandfathered in the Home Tour, so that it would not be effected by rules limiting events in private homes.

Streets and Parking

- In 2024, HHA kept residents informed about the State Street re-bricking



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and street closure between Lafayette and Madison; school traffic safety concerns; speeding (and provided neighbors with signs reminding drivers to slow down); and changes to traffic flow such as a roundabout to be made permanent at Crescent and Prospect NE.

- In spring 2024, Heritage Hill suddenly learned from Mobile GR of a zone proposed for a Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program, which would, among other things, require neighbors to purchase parking permits within the zone. HHA created and sent neighbors a survey on the RPP. We presented the results – over a hundred neighbors rejecting the RPP zone – to Mobile GR, which resulted not only in the proposal being tabled, but in Mobile GR stating that they would work to refine the current RPP process policy and heavily involve the community if they propose new zones in the future.
- Members of the HHA Board attended public engagement sessions regarding proposed options for a full or partial conversion of Lyon and Fountain from one-way to two-way streets, and concerning a proposed resurfacing of part of Cherry SE that would eliminate the majority of parking along that stretch. Our Land Use Committee weighed the proposals and options and met with multiple city officials from Mobile GR about the quality of the engagement sessions and the proposals and continues to engage on this in 2025.

Community Building

HHA's Community Engagement Committee, Chaired by Abi Larimer, planned and carried out numerous community-building events throughout the year.

- "First Wednesdays" Happy Hours at The Commons have continued to draw up to forty neighbors on the first Wednesday of every month to enjoy meeting new neighbors and getting more involved in the community. Thanks to The Commons for extending happy hour prices at their wonderful venue.
- Over the summer, our Pleasant Park events, *Tempest Tossed*, performed by Pigeon Creek Shakespeare, and the Movie in the Park, shown for us by the Community Media Center, were both very successful. Neighbors gathered to enjoy the beautiful park, great entertainment, and one another.
- Last August's National Night Out event in Pleasant Park took place

on a beautiful evening. It was hugely attended by neighbors, who enjoyed visits from the GRFD and a ladder truck, mayoral candidates, City Commissioners, and other City officials. Festival of the Arts donated a children's crafts booth, and HHA brought out its plethora of yard games. Everyone enjoyed frozen treats from Jeff Martin Realty Coldwell Banker AJS Schmidt and hot dogs from Anthony Davis and Joyce Van Haitsma.

- Our new Public Safety Community Organizer, Carly, stepped right up and brought new energy and ideas to

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our annual neighborhood caroling in December. She is excited about bringing even more people to sing next year, and to enjoy hot drinks and snacks, which were generously donated by Martha's Vineyard.

- **Our events and efforts are made possible by generous** donations from neighbors like you, grants from the City's Office of Special Events, donations from Martha's Vineyard, The Commons and other local businesses, and cooperation with groups such as the South Hill Neighborhood Association and Pleasant Park Pals, and the devoted work of volunteers.

Public Safety

In 2024, HHA kept neighbors informed of public safety issues, and addressed specific neighbor problems one-on-one. We sent out nearly forty email alerts on concerns on a wide range of concerns.

- **Theft.** HHA sent out numerous email alerts last year regarding neighborhood theft issues - outside property theft, package theft, car break-ins. We provided safety tips, information on crime reporting, and reminded neighbors to report suspicious behavior.
- **Invasion and Trespass.** There was at least one attempted home invasion reported to us this year, and numerous instances of trespass.
- **Boil Water Advisories.** We warned, informed and updated neighbors on boil water advisories when a water main broke in May.
- **Noise Problems.** HHA staff have spoken with GRPD and city officials regarding alleviating noise issues on the 400 block of Cherry Street SE and throughout the neighborhood. Multiple complaints have been made and progress is being made.

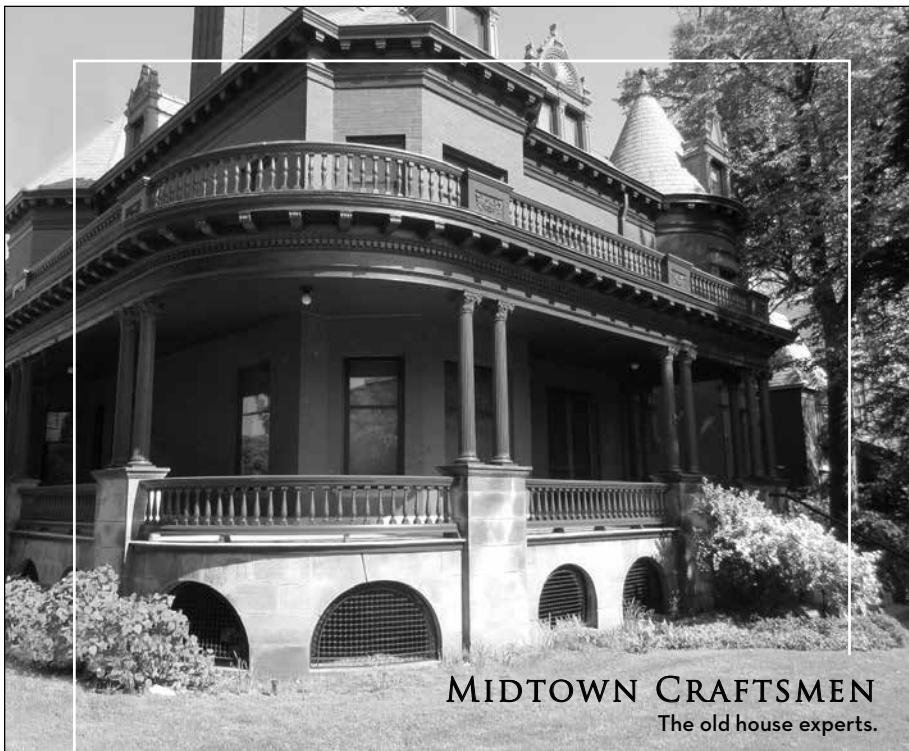
- **Lead Issues.** In a Herald article and in email alerts, we educated neighbors about lead paint and lead dust concerns in Heritage Hill, where 100% of homes are believed to have lead paint, and legal requirements for painting and renovation in the neighborhood. We worked closely with some neighbors dealing with lead concerns and spoke with the city and state on enforcement issues.
- **Disputes.** We helped neighbors with landlord-tenant and other disputes, and referred them to dispute resolution agencies.
- **Radon.** HHA educated neighbors on radon gas dangers and testing, and provided free radon tests, which we made available again this January. Contact our office for a free test.
- **Fireworks.** HHA again posed informational signs at key national holidays to reduce the use of illegal fireworks and educate about when fireworks are permitted.
- **Free resources.** In addition to free radon tests, HHA provides the following free to neighbors:
 - Home security assessments
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design assessments for neighbors and businesses
 - Gun locks
 - Steering wheel locks to prevent theft
 - Window pins to help prevent break-ins

Neighborhood Improvement

- Thanks to the efforts of neighbors such as Leslie Van Becker, and Grand Rapids Parks and Rec, Heritage Hill Park (Logan St and Paris Ave) is

set to get a new piece of public art. In February 2024, Parks and Rec engaged nearby neighbors in an online survey to gather input on how the artwork should reflect the neighborhood. *Community, eclectic, tranquil, history, nature-inspired, stewards of legacy*, were among the words and phrases neighbors offered. An initial Call for Artists went out last October, noting the above components and the \$15,000 budget inclusive for all aspects of the project complement. Due to a small number of responses, the Call for Artists will be re-issued this month and an Art Advisory Committee of our neighbors will carry out the art selection over a period of months.

- HHA applied for a grant from the Historic Society of Michigan last fall, for the repair of historic markers in Heritage Hill. In January, we learned that we received this grant, which will fund the repair of five of our historic markers in



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- the neighborhood. Randy McLemore of Flourish Sign Painter should begin repairs in late February.
- For our second annual Neighborhood Litter Clean-Up, more than 30 neighbors volunteered and cleaned up 42 blocks through the neighborhood during the week of April 20-27. HHA donated trash bags and gloves and working to make the streets and parks cleaner. The week was closed out by neighbors helping to spring clean Pleasant Park along with Pleasant Park Pals.
 - Dumpster Day in September again allowed dozens of neighbors to come dispose of large items that otherwise take up space, and potentially cause dangerous conditions, in homes and garages. Thanks to Central Reformed Church for letting us use their parking lot and to the City's Public Works for arranging for the many dumpsters we filled!
 - During the holiday season, HHA reminded neighbors about options for disposal of holiday trees and wreaths by dropping them off at city drop sites or getting a tag from the city for pick-up. In partnership with CompreNew, the HHA office accepted string lights, holiday lights and cords for recycling.

Special Fundraising

- HHA's Walking Tours, a collaboration of our Fundraising Committee, Chaired by, Denise Cook, and the amazing Caroline Cook of Grand Rapids Running Tours (they're not related), increased in popularity and in number last year. Graveyard, Halloween, Victorian Christmas and history tours were all full and received stellar reviews. We could not be more thankful for Caroline's passion about Heritage Hill and our relationship with her. Coming this year: Even more tours!
- Our Fundraising Committee efforts also stepped into community spirit, this year, with beautiful 'History Lives Here' tee shirts. Denise Cook's wonderful design and attention detail made for beautiful and high-quality tee shirts enjoyed by neighbors and as gifts. Contact the office to inquire and purchase.

Financials

Thanks to the work of our dedicated volunteer Home Tour Committee, and other neighbor volunteers like you, HHA's tours continue to be our major fundraising source. The Annual Weekend Tour of Homes is our largest fundraiser, and netted nearly \$36,856 in ticket sales and sponsorships. Going on its 54th year, the Home Tour helps get Grand Rapids on the map as ticket holders come from across Michigan and parts of the Midwest.

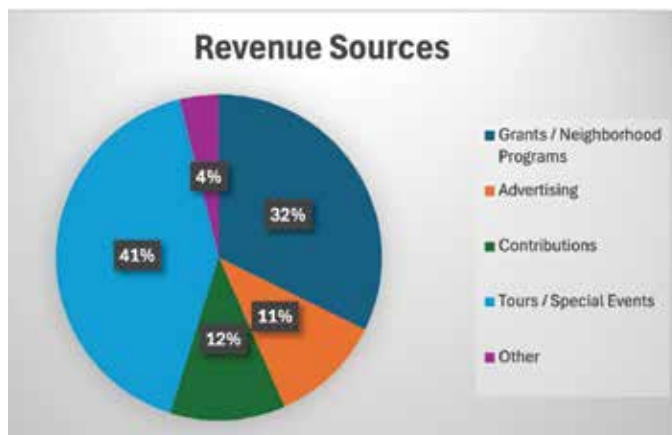
The Garden Tour showed some growth as well, netting \$7,722 in 2024 as ticket holders enjoyed the early-summer sunshine and glorious gardens of our generous hosts.

Our Walking Tours with Caroline Cook of Grand Rapids Running Tours again grew this year, showcasing the Hill to hundreds of visitors. Walking Tours netted \$3,559 in 2024.

HHA is grateful that our programs are funded by donations from neighbors and grants from the city's Office of Special Events as well as funding from the city's Community Development Block Grant department. We are able to provide public safety and quality of life programs to neighbors as well as this bi-monthly newsletter with

Condensed Statement of Activities			
	2024	2023	Change
Total Revenue	\$ 176,603	\$ 199,102	\$ (22,499)
Total Expenses	171,177	176,107	(4,930)
Increase in Fund Balance	\$ 5,426	\$ 22,995	\$ (17,569)

Condensed Statement of Financial Position			
	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	Change
Assets			
Cash	\$ 128,338	\$ 123,188	\$ 5,150
Fixed Assets (Net)	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 128,338	\$ 123,188	\$ 5,150
Liabilities & Net Assets			
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,749	\$ 3,096	\$ (347)
Unrestricted Net Assets	125,589	120,092	5,497
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	-	-	-
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 128,338	\$ 123,188	\$ 5,150



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Minnie Forbes – Honoring Living History

We see history wherever we walk in Heritage Hill, and sometimes are lucky enough to be reminded that we still live among greats.

Minnie Forbes, a Paris Avenue SE neighbor since 1954, is the last living owner of a Negro League baseball team. At 16, Mrs. Forbes started working as office staff for her uncle Ted Rasberry, owner of two Negro League teams, and a few years later ended up as the Stars' owner at a time when Black players were still barred from playing in the white major leagues.

To this day, at age 92, Mrs. Forbes' continues to represent the history of the League at numerous conventions and baseball events, and receives due honor for her work.

Most recently, in Mrs. Forbes was honored at the Inaugural Gala of the Grand Rapids African American Museum and Archives (GRAAMA). Last December, during blizzard-like weather, one-hundred gathered to watch GRAAMA Director George Bayard present the GRAAMA Legacy Award in recognition of Mrs. Forbes 75 years of work with the Negro Baseball League and her continued efforts to preserve and honor the African American contribution to

the sport.

Current US House Representative Hillary Scholten and Michigan House Representative Kristian Grant have each praised Mrs. Forbes for her persistence and dedication to preserving the League's history. Last November, Scholten entered her thanks to Mrs. Forbes into the Congressional Record, noting the Mrs. Forbes and her players "endured racism and prejudice," but they "persevered through strife and their love of the game. And the ripple effects of that persistence echoed through the Civil Rights Movement."

Not least, Mrs. Forbes was invited to the White House by then-President Obama in 2013. At the time, Mrs. Forbes said that, "[t]here's not really a word that's big enough to describe how thankful I am...I never would have dreamed there would be an African-American President, and to be able to meet him was such an honor." When President Obama kissed her cheek, she said, "I've been telling everybody. This all happened because of the Negro League." But then, of course, the Negro League would not have been without courageous people like her. That's



something we should keep telling every generation.

- A very special thanks to former HHA staff member Barb Lester (another history maker) for initiating this article and sharing much of its content with us.

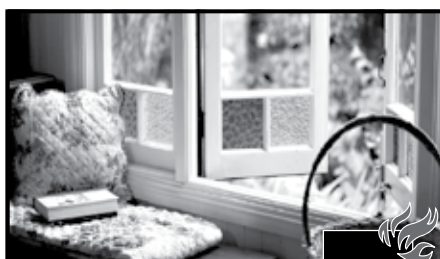


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Boundary Marker Signs Renewal!

HHA received a grant from the Historical Society of Michigan for the repair of five of Heritage Hill's boundary marker signs. Randy McLemore, of Flourish Sign Painter, is a lover of history and of the Hill. (If you visit flourishsignpainter.com, you can see him raising his arms to the left of the massive Grandville Bulldogs sign

he painted.)

If you see Randy taking down one of the below-listed boundary markers, never fear, he's bringing them to his workshop for repairs. He will reinstall later this spring. The five signs to be repaired are located at:

- Lincoln Place (State and Jefferson)
- College NE near Michigan

- Cherry SE near Union
- Fulton and Lake near Union
- Fountain, west of Lafayette

Pet Reminders – Leashes and Waste Disposal Please

We have received multiple complaints of unleashed dogs in Heritage Hill and particularly in Pleasant Park. Michigan law and Grand Rapids ordinances require that all dogs be kept on leashes, six feet or shorter, whenever they are off the dog owner's property. Please be respectful of your fellow neighbors and keep your dogs leashed at all times.

And, Dog waste continues to be a problem with multiple complaints of bagged and un-bagged waste being left behind. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog!

Recycle and Dispose of Electronics at Our Office

In cooperation with CompreNew, HHA is now accepting electronics such as laptops, cellphones, tablets, hard drives, data devices, GPS units, hotspots, routers/modems, cords, cables, wires, adapters, chargers, consoles, and games and media. Give our office a call to make sure we're not away at a meeting, and then come drop your items in the bin in our lobby at 252 State Street SE.

Solarize Grand Rapids – And Heritage Hill...

Solarize GR is a community-based solar bulk-buy program. The program aims to bring together GR residents and local solar companies to learn and offer a chance to buy solar at a lower rate. This group approach allows Grand Rapids' residents to benefit from large savings.

What about solar in Heritage Hill? It won't work for every home here. But, GR Historic Preservation Specialist Rhonda Baker says that historic preservation and renewable energy can work hand-in-hand. Devices such as solar panels, solar shingles and charging stations may be permissible and **encouraged where it can be accomplished without diminishing the historic character of the building and district.** For further information, see pages 57-59 of the Historic Preservation Guidelines, by visiting the Historic Preservation

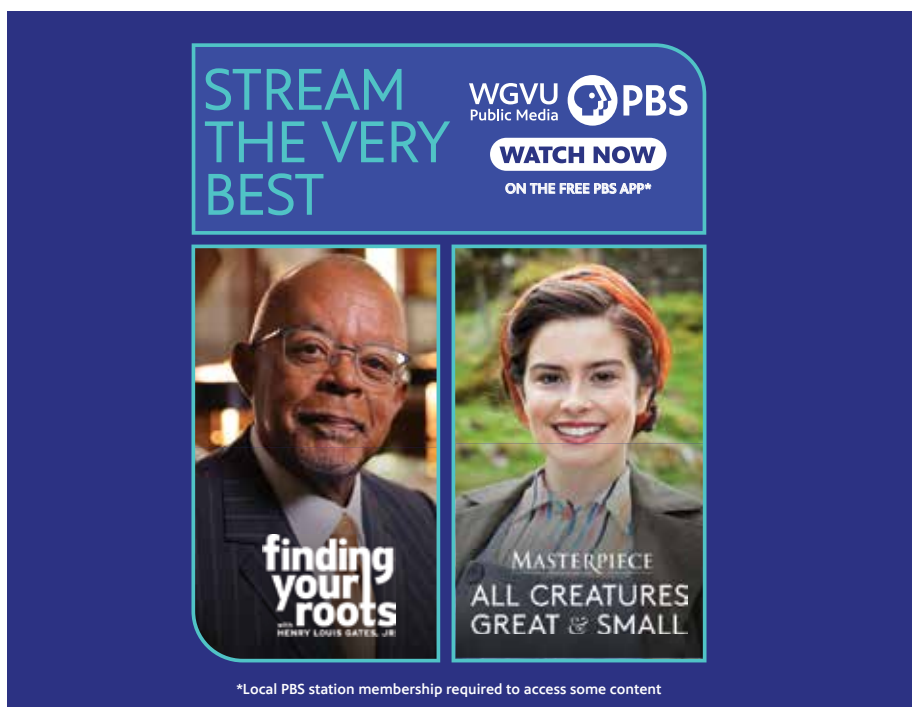


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Single Hauler Trash Program – Voice your opinion

Grand Rapids Public Works' proposed Single Hauler Program will shift the responsibility for refuse collection onto the City. Private companies will no longer collect refuse for residential homes. The Program will be a part of the Pay as You Throw Program, where Grand Rapids residents pay only when the cart is used.

The primary goal of the program is to make sure the City's environment is healthy. The decision to shift to the Program came from two separate reports: a rate study and an operational study. Both studies recommended the proposed shift for the following reasons:

- Positive impact on road maintenance--less wear and tear due to fewer refuse trucks on the roads.
- Meeting of sustainability priorities by lowering greenhouse gas emissions by having fewer refuse trucks on the road, as well as moving from the City Refuse Truck Fleet from diesel to compressed natural gas.
- A continued investment in equity. The reports observed that the current Pay as You Throw is the most equitable refuse system nation-wide. This approach may allow the City to offer more competitive rates and pricing for Grand Rapids customers.

The Single Hauler program is in the beginning stages of development. The current step is to educate and engage with the Grand Rapids community. You can visit gr.publicinput.com to find a public survey on the Program, or email singlehauler@publicinput.com to voice your opinion.

Yard Waste Services

Grand Rapids offers many options for yard waste removal. The season begins in April (date depending on weather) and extends to the second Friday in December. Curbside waste options are available and collection day is the same as your regular waste pick-up and all tags can be purchased at City

Hall and select supermarkets.

- **Yard Carts-** \$30 to order and each time you would like your cart emptied, a tag must be attached (\$6.50 per tag).
- **Yard Waste Paper Bag-** Paper

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- **Yard Waste Bulk Tag-** purple (cont'd on page 7)



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Pleasant Park Clean-up & Park Keepers – Saturday, April 26, 9am-noon

On the last day of the Spring Litter Clean, **come enjoy the outdoors and beautify Pleasant Park for spring**. Pleasant Park Pals, South Hill Neighborhood Association and HHA come together to clean out the garden beds, weed, and spread mulch! Bring a bottle of water and any tools you have. Contact HHA for **FREE** gloves. Snacks and beverages provided.

And, Pleasant Park needs caretakers to keep the flower and tree beds gorgeous all season long. A big thank you to all the faithful neighbors who've tended for years, and a big **invite to new volunteers**. Please contact Joshlyn Litzenberger at joshlynlitzenberger@gmail.com to get involved.

Share your pictures! We love to see and share you enjoying all of your good works. Email us any photos you take to heritage@heritagehillweb.org.



Neighborhood Potpourri

yard waste tags are 2.75 each and are for bundles of larger twigs or branches. Bundled branches and twigs should be under 4 feet long and 2 inches or less in diameter.

- **Drop Off** - Yard Waste can also be dropped off in person at 2001 Butterworth St SW, April-mid December 7:30 am-4:30 pm (Winter hours differ).
- **Mulch and Compost Pickup** - Mulch and compost will be available **FREE** to Grand Rapid residents on a first-come basis for 1 cubic yard each season and is available each Saturday, April – June.
- **Yard waste includes:** Grass clippings, leaves, brush, twigs (less than 2 inches in diameter), garden plants, tree limbs (cut 5' or less). **Yard waste does not include:** Sod, dirt, stones, broken concrete, trees, railroad ties, stumps, animal feces or dead animals.
- **Call 311 or (616) 456-3000 with any questions.**

Income Tax Help & Volunteering

April 15 comes up fast every year, doesn't it?

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free, reliable tax help to income-eligible individuals, ensuring that more people can confidently navigate tax season. The West Michigan United Way, Davenport University and GVSU all offer VITA tax help. Contact them or call 211 or 616-459-2255.

To **volunteer** for the VITA program and **receive free training** from an IRS program, go to davenport.edu/

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.



[taxhelp-vita](#) and click on 'volunteer' to apply.

For those new to Grand Rapids, be aware that a city tax form must be filled out by full- or part-time residents, as well as by nonresidents who have taxable income from working within the city limits. Visit Income Tax Guide for Individuals at [grandrapidsmi.gov](#) to learn more.



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Meet Chris Ervine

Q: Tell us about yourself

A: I am Chris Ervine, native Michigander, husband, and father of two.

Q: How long have you lived in Heritage Hill?

A: Quite some time now.

Q: What do you like most about living in HH?

A: The people; such a tight-knit community with hardworking neighbors who look out for and support each other.

Q: What would make living in HH even better?

A: If we could all work together to reduce the hazards of Lead-based Paint Dust, which is the #1 most immediate public safety issue our children face everyday in this neighborhood. As good neighbors, we all should take very simple, cheap precautions to mitigate lead contamination in our historic neighborhood whenever old paint is disturbed. Please take a look at the resources our awesome HHA staff include in the Heritage Herald.



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2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday, March 5, April 2,
May 7, 2025, 5-7pm**

Heritage Hill First Wednesdays
Happy Hours
The Commons, @ The Oakwood,
547 Cherry St. SE

**Wednesday, March 19, April 16,
June 18, 2025 @ 7pm**

May board meeting typically
cancelled due to its proximity to
Home Tour
HHA Board Meeting -
Open to neighbors
Community Education
Conference Room
Hauenstein Center, 220 Cherry St. SE

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Herald content & ads deadline –
May / June issue

Annual Dates

The week of Saturday, April 19 –

Saturday, April 26, 2025

3rd Annual! Heritage Hill Spring Litter
Clean-Up [see inside]

**Saturday, April 26, 2025 @
9am - noon**

Pleasant Park Spring Clean
400 Pleasant Street SE

**Saturday and Sunday,
May 17 & 18, 2025**

Annual Weekend Tour of Homes

Saturday, June 7, 2025
Yard Sales Day

Saturday, June 21, 2025
Garden Tour

Tuesday, August 5, 2025
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