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GREAT PLACES IN AMERICA

"Build A Better Block" To Occupy State Street May 18 & 19th

In 2012, the American Planning Association honored the Heritage Hill Neighborhood by listing the historic neighborhood in their top ten Great Neighborhoods in America. The neighborhood has beautiful historic buildings, a lovely tree canopy and a diverse group of citizens dedicated to their neighborhood, but what it does not have is a strong neighborhood business district; the closest thing in Heritage Hill would be State Street. This lack of a thriving business district is what spurred a group of local advocates to start the Build a Better Block re:STATE project for State Street.

"We spend a few months going through different neighborhoods in the city and our minds kept bringing us back to State Street.", said web designer and co-founder of Friendly Corps, Tyler Doornbos. Doornbos is partnering with Lynee Wells of Williams and Works as well as his partner at Friendly Corps, Josh Leffingwell. The Build a Better Block project is part of a national program started in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas in 2010 by neighbors and activists to create a walkable, thriving business district on a block that had seen decades of disinvestment and decay.

"State Street is a place with a lot going for it but also has much to be done. The buildings are really big and much of the block is filled with surface parking lots, which makes it feel less walkable. What we hope to do is completely rethink the way this street is currently being seen - this will include putting in pop-up shops, adding new buildings (or at least building facades), changing the street scape and street design. The goal is to make this block feel like a cohesive and continuous business district from Jefferson all the way up to Madison.", said Leffingwell.

Over the past few years the Heritage Hill Neighborhood Association has made State Street a priority and currently has an area specific plan for the block that calls for adding buildings to many of the parking lots and adding both housing and retail to the business corridor. The Better Block team hopes to get those plans off of the paper and to allow people to truly interact with this sort of business district for two days. Wells cautions, "the goal for the plan is not to create an event for these days. The goal is to help people really feel like this is a block they could imagine shopping in or dining in or even living in."

The Build a Better Block project will take place on May 18th and 19th on State Street between Madison and Jefferson during the Heritage Hill Home Tour. Leffingwell says, "we wanted those folks who will be looking at the beautiful Heritage Hill homes to imagine a business district that was just a thriving as the neighborhood is." The organizers are currently creating plans, and they are looking for volunteers to help build things for the event in addition to volunteers for the day of the event. If you are interested in helping please visit betterblockgr.com or email info@betterblockgr.com.



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Happy Spring Heritage Hill. Yes it is time to renew, refresh, and shake off the burden of the cold and snow that really settled in over the past two months. The birds are singing their happy song and you too have a reason to sing with all the renewal that is coming this spring and beyond.

Of course, we start with the **44th Heritage Hill Weekend Tour on May 18th and 19th**. Eight private hosts invite you into their living spaces and share their architecture, design, art, and home's history. A great way to refresh your own decorating style.

To make it an extravaganza, a **big** renewed focus on State Street will happen at the same time. **Build a Better Block** is creating a State of possibilities and will stage State Street for the weekend. Entrepreneurs, artisans, mini-food services, Friends of GR Parks, and others will offer wide ranging ideas for the corridor development. Creative sparks can fly when there are no limits. Please, please help spread the word - use all your social media tricks and your face-to-face charm and get people excited to see the *insides* at Tour and *outsides* on State Street. Send people to our website, heritagehillweb.org for more enticement. It will be a beautiful weekend to walk this great place and catch what's blooming.

We must remind you that there is a way to get a FREE ticket to Tour. We need

volunteer guides right up to the days of Tour to cover any cancellations. **Please call today, 459-8950, or email heritage@heritagehillweb.org** and help Tour work smoothly with an easy 4 hour shift.

Next after Tour, is the purge (or splurge) at the Association's annual **Heritage Hill Yard Sales Day - June 8th** in 2013. Call or email the HHA office, heritage@heritagehillweb.org; 459-8950 and we'll get you on the list that we'll post on our website.

And now let's go out on that green limb and say that Pleasant Park is coming. We are just \$70,000 shy of the needed funds and all involved thinks that is doable. Watch for the bulldozers late summer or early fall for a completion by June of 2014. But today you can donate to the cause at the Friends of GR Parks, - www.friendsofgrparks.org/pleasantpark. Please! - all the kids are doin' it!

So how's that for renewal - Home Tour, State Street, Pleasant Park and Wealthy Street too! News here includes the Wealthy Street Bakery owners purchase of the 619 storefront, a 2-family redevelopment at 336 Wealthy SE, the grand opening of the Urban Market, and the retail offerings at Tapestry Square. There's much to sing about.

And we at the HHA office are singing welcome back to Maria Zache (and Jim Starky too) from their 4-month winter break. The HHA office is cheering her home coming!

Kick off the boots and wiggle your toes ...

Jan Earl
Executive Director

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

- Organizing Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention programs that keep you aware and safe.
- Working with the major institutions surrounding Heritage Hill to bridge the needs of our residents and our institutional neighbors. Our focus is to protect our neighborhood from development that could harm our residential quality. But our work also helps our institutions do their work efficiently and effectively.
- Providing vital neighborhood information via our office, the e-alert network, the newsletter, and our website that keeps people connected and informed.
- Monitoring land use and zoning requests and voicing positions maintains our neighborhood's stability.
- Addressing parking and traffic issues and working with stakeholders to develop programs that ease congestion (or at least don't make problems worse!)
- Promoting neighborhood occupancy through apartment listings, our Weekend Tour of Homes, and community building events.

- Assisting tenants and property owners with rights and responsibilities.
- Using the *Master Plan of Heritage Hill* that guides development in our

neighborhood. This *dog eared* plan is used in every issue faced by the Association and by city departments as a reference guide in planning projects in our neighborhood.



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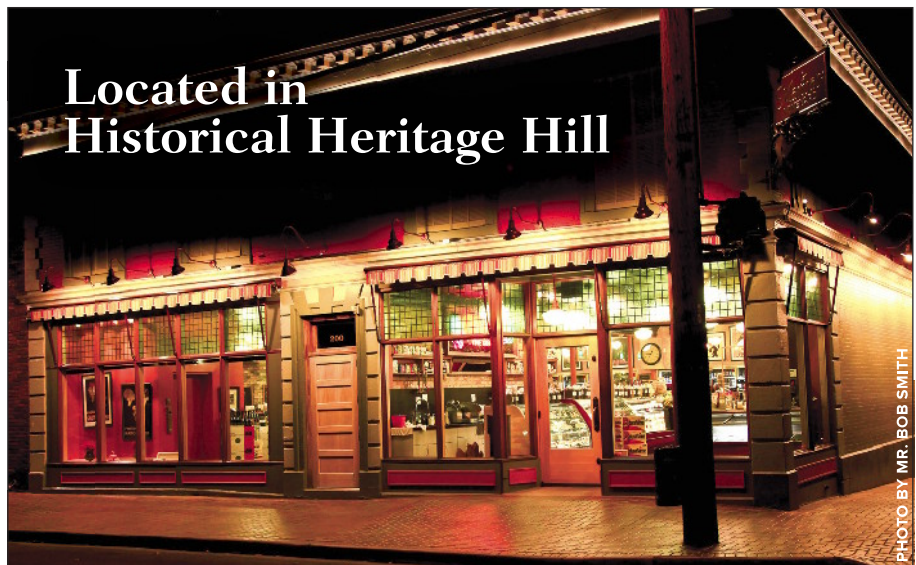
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There is a City Preservation Ordinance that governs all exterior changes, repairs and/or additions to Heritage Hill properties. Call the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission at 456-3451



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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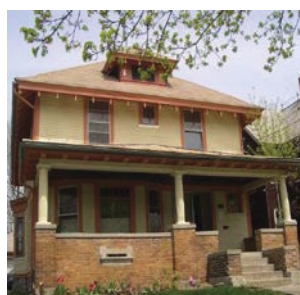
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Renewal on Wealthy Street

A tired and crumbling storefront will be coming alive following a year of negotiation and legalities. The owners of Wealthy Street Bakery purchased 619, 616 and 626 Wealthy SE this past February.

It will take a long time to make it a whole and happy place, but good visions are in store. We give a giant round of applause to Jim and Barb McClurg and David and Melissa LaGrand for taking on this visible block of Wealthy Street.



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Must we wave goodbye to the Hiker?

There is a move to remove the Spanish American War memorial commonly known as the 'Hiker' from Foster Park. The Hiker was welcomed to Foster Park in 1957 after being denied entry at Veterans Park. The rationale for that decision is lost to history but the Hiker has been at home in Heritage Hill for nearly 56 years. On March 20, Bruce Butgerick, the coordinator of the Grand



Rapids Civil War Roundtable asked the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission to allow the Hiker to be removed from Foster Park in Heritage Hill to be installed downtown in Monument Park where a Civil War monument is in place.

The Hiker, whose given name is, *The Spirit of 98*, represents Spanish American War veterans who fought and died near the turn of the century. When the Hiker first arrived in 1957, Foster Park was nothing but a grassy lawn with one Chestnut tree which is still standing. Since then, the entire park was designed around the proud representative of the Spanish American war veterans. A brick plaza was built with a raised bed where the Hiker stands atop a 23-ton boulder. Two historic light fixtures were placed at the Cherry Street entry to the park lighting the Hiker. Neighbors purchased and planted Boxwood shrubs that encircle the memorial. The city planted trees including two Crab Cherry trees that provide a stunning display each spring. Volunteers planted flowers and tend them through the spring and summer.

The Hiker has overlooked the south end of the Hill for over a half century. The cost to move the monument is approximately \$15,000. If moved there could be a replacement but that cost and design and other details are not addressed in this request. **If you would like to help keep the Hiker at home in the Hill please let us know and we will pass your comments on to the Historic Preservation Commission. E-mail us at heritage@heritagehillweb.org.**

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What's happening on the Michigan Street Corridor Plan?



The planning process for the Michigan Street Corridor Plan is in full gear, with several consultants conducting studies and putting pieces of the plan in place. The plan should be complete by summer. Public meeting #5 to review a draft plan will occur in May, although a specific date has not been set. Stay tuned for information on the forum from the Heritage Hill Association and from the Grand Rapids Planning Department.

During this Phase III of the planning process, several activities have been happening:

- Traffic patterns have been studied and potential solutions modeled;
- The potential for "travel demand management" solutions have been assessed;
- Short-term facilities design is being done;
- Affordable housing strategies are being analyzed;
- Design of subareas of the corridor are in process, for example the area between College and Fuller Avenues;
- Short-term benchmarks (5-10 years) and longer term objectives (up to 1935) are being prepared so that progress can be measured and the plan modified over time;
- Implementation strategies are being discussed; and
- Possible ways of financing parts of the

strategies are being complied

All this is being done for you and other stakeholders review in May. Public comments, observations and concerns from Forum#5 will be discussed by the

Steering Committee, consultant and the Planning Department.

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March 13, 2013, Crime in Progress Report Results in Arrest!

About 2:00 the morning of March 19 a neighbor on the 400 block of Union SE heard a noise, looked outside and saw a

man with a rock next to his roommate's car. He yelled and the suspect fled. He saw the broken window and realized that his roommate's flat screen TV was in the backseat. He called 911 with a good

description of the man and his clothing. Officers responding to the scene received another call for a burglary-in-progress in the 400 block of College SE.

A woman on College heard a noise and knew someone was inside so she screamed that she was calling 911. We think the suspect broke in seeking a place to hide from the police. She scared him off and he fled to the 500 block of Morris SE where he went to a rear yard and set off a neighbor's car alarm trying to get inside and hide. The police officers were tracking him in the light snow. Hearing his car alarm the owner saw the man leave the car, move toward a back fence and then turn back and go down the driveway. He fled a block to Pleasant and Madison where police officers caught and arrested him at 2:10 a.m.

Great work from our neighbors who called 911 and got the police out there so quickly. And thank you to the Grand Rapids Police Department for the excellent response from **GRPD officers: Greg Rekucki, Jenny Rood, Matthew Staeven, Douglas Stevens, Todd Wuis, Chris Bernardo, and Off. Fynwever, Case Weston** and the call taker, who was so helpful. The excellent description of the suspect and his clothing helped police identify the suspect and will help the case in court too.

Neighborhood Activists Met for Round-Table Trainings: Heritage Hill Association, Easthills, Baxter and Eastown Neighborhoods organized a joint training of Block Reps and others interested in becoming neighborhood activists. The training was designed to get the group to mix and discuss not just to listen. Each of the six trainers had a round table and the trainees circulated to a new table every 15 minutes. The trainers had 8 minutes to talk with the six "activists" at his or her table on a topic like Organizing a Block Club. Then the "activists" discussed the topic from their point of view. Every 15 minutes a bell rang and the activists switched to a new table and topic. We shared pizza, dessert, root beer and fruit provided by **Harmony Brewery, Martha's Vineyard, Brewery Vivant and Family Fare on Fulton Street**. The surveys are in and the group wants to meet again. This time, to identify a joint issue or problem and take "action" to resolve it.

Crime Trends from 1992 to 2012:

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home burglaries and five non-residential break-ins. Home break-ins stats have decreased a remarkable 72 percent. Here are some statistical comparisons between 1992 and 2012:

Home Burglary: 1992-109; 2012-30

Robbery: 1992-10; 2012-11

Car Theft: 1992-39; 2012-10

Thefts from cars: 1992-103; 2012-73

Felony Assault: 1992-44; 2012-10

Simple Assault: 1992-121; 2012-43

Drugs: 1992-25; 2012-22.

Malicious Destruction: 1992- 61; 2012-36.

Startling Stats: Disturbances have gone from 597 incidents in 1995 to 144 in 2012. Wow. I forgot how much fun the 90's were!

Power to the People!

It happened again. Electrical power damaged electronics in January when a city transformer "blew" and that event affected a Consumers Energy transformer that blew too. Several households in the Lafayette and Fountain NE area reported expensive repairs to boilers, water heaters and other appliances after that big windy storm. This type of problem was reported in a larger area of the south end under similar circumstances last fall. A big storm with lots of wind resulted in damaged electronics in the area bounded by Lafayette, Wealthy, College and Pleasant SE, that generated an October meeting between those neighbors and Consumers Energy. Work on that problem should be in progress. Nine neighbors and HHA staff met with Consumers Energy in late February to discuss the more recent problems and find out what can be done to prevent further damages.

Claims Complaints: Consumers Energy reps were also questioned about why it is so difficult to find information on filing a claim and very difficult getting a claim paid. Our resident expert, Dave Hathaway, said he found no reference to filing a claim on Consumers website (www.consumersenergy.com) or at the 1-800-477-5050 phone menu either. Customers must decide between choices that all seem unrelated to claims – which turned out to be "all other inquiries." If you do happen to guess correctly, the call-taker will write up a claim on the spot and send it to their one-person Claims Office for the region. Mike H. will decide if Consumers Energy is liable. He will accept or reject the claim and notify the claimant. A neighbor at the meeting who had filed a claim and was rejected asked about the process.

Public Service Commission: The neighbor whose claim was rejected filed

a complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) but received notice the claim would not be paid because Consumers was not at fault. How did that decision get made? Well, this is where it

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claimant that his claim was rejected. This circular appeals process seemed self-serving to neighbors at the meeting.

Consumer Response: To give Consumers Energy credit they did explain that they are responsible for problems outside our homes and only from the top of the masthead (where wires leave the conduit midway up the side of our homes) to the pole. Anything that occurs at your house is likely going to cost you. They also provided information on products that you can purchase and install that will protect one or more appliances. These are generally products that will turn off power to the appliance before the power surge or fluctuation reaches the appliance. The drawback is that they do not reset and if you are not home this causes problems. More expensive and sophisticated products may be available but nothing offers 100 percent protection.

Repeat Problems: Those who thought they had protected the equipment with whole-house surge protectors, new wiring and other upgrades and still had huge repair costs, are seeking a permanent solution as are rental owners whose buildings have been affected. Repeat problems occurring with storms are a huge concern.

Communications Gap: Consumers Energy reps also found out that neighbors in the south end have not always been notified when subcontractors are entering yards to do some of the upgrades or changes for Consumers. This is a courtesy that they promised last fall.

The Association just received an update on the work that is scheduled for this spring in the area bounded by Lafayette, Wealthy, College and Pleasant.

Consumers Energy engineer Greg Dennehy reports that additional transformers will be installed in the next two and half months.

This will allow fewer homes to be serviced by each transformer, thus, if there is a transformer incident fewer homes will be affected. The installations will be done at the rear lot lines and may involve some tree trimming. **Prior to work starting the owner or occupant will get a knock on the door or a door-hanger with a contact number.** So-called "animal protection" devices will also be installed to prevent problems created when rodents walk the wires.

Report Problems/File Claims: So, at this point we are working toward resolution. The problems are being worked on and neighbors are encouraged to report all power problems even if you do not have damage. File claims using the 1800-477-

5050, then press "all other inquiries" to file a claim. Be as specific as possible about the date and time of the event, what type problem has occurred and what you have done about it. "Mike H." at Consumers Energy will get that report and research the weather conditions and other

problems that may have come up in the area to determine the cause and liability. Then, he will get back to you. Without reports or claims they often have no idea where the problems are occurring. Keep HHA in the loop too if you would like to work us on this issue with you.



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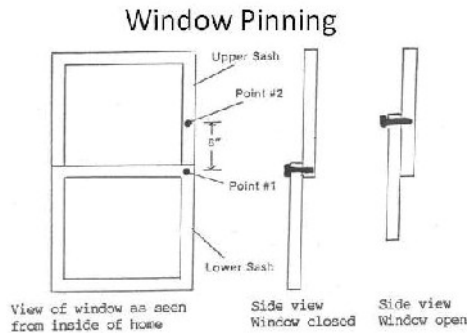
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We have a low incidence of burglary but those that do occur can come as a result of an unlocked or open window. So what can you do when it's warm a sunny and you want fresh air?

You can open windows for fresh air and still be safe when you use window pins to hold them in place. Security experts world-wide have recommended pinning windows open about 6" which allows for fresh air but will not allow an intruder to push the window up further and climb in. The pins are easily pulled out from inside. See the diagram and instructions below.

If you are a renter the city requires the owner to provide window security that includes a lock AND window pins or stops on main floor windows or others that are accessible. Call Heritage Hill



Association for more information on this at 459-8950. If you want more air you can pull the pin out and fully open the window. But if you are sleeping on the first floor and want to be safer you should pin the windows. Never leave your home or apartment with the window unlocked or open.

INSTALLING WINDOW PINS

1. Measure the thickness of the lower sash and add one-half to three quarters inch to that measurement.
2. Mark a 5/16" inch drill bits so you will know when you have drilled a hole as deep as the total measurement.
3. While the window is closed and locked, drill hole in window at the point indicated by the point #1 in the diagram. This hole will enable you to "pin" the window in the closed position. Drill at a slight downward path so the "pin" cannot be "jiggled" out.
4. Buy 1/4 inch diameter hinge pins (smooth) or hex-head carriage bolts (threading at end) that are 3 to 4 inches long.
5. Open the window about six inches, insert the 5/16 inch drill bit in the same hole that you drilled in the lower sash and drill into the hole into (but not through!) the upper sash as indicated by the point #2 in the diagram. This hole will enable you to "pin" the window in the open position for ventilation purposes. You can leave the pins in all the time or you can slip them out to more fully open the window when you are home. Windows should always be pinned when you are away or asleep.

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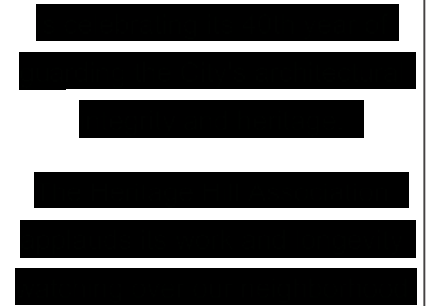
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Board Notes

Discussion at the February, 2013 Heritage Hill Association Board Meeting included:

Treasurer's Report: Jackie Taylor reported that in 2012, 99% of the Association's budgeted revenue was reached and 97% of the budgeted expense goals were met. Jackie commended office staff for their great job in holding down expenses. Jackie noted that the Association's budget has been reduced by over 25% in the last 3 years to reflect diminishing revenue sources. In 2013, staff work hours are limited to 32 hours per week. The finance committee will be meeting February 26 for its annual fiscal assessment review.

Staff Reports: Jan's written report highlighted the application for a \$50,000 Dyer-Ives grant for construction of Pleasant Park. The NCBC successfully convinced planners of the Michigan Street Corridor Plan to withdraw the consideration of making College Ave a two-way street. This traffic re-route would not have had much improvement of the traffic flow and congestion at the Michigan and College intersection but would have dramatically increased College Ave. traffic. NCBC presented that College Ave would become the on ramp to 196.

The State Street "Build a Better Block" event was discussed with excitement regarding this Home Tour weekend event. Also mentioned the Wealthy Street Bakery owners and their recent north side of Wealthy Street purchase in addition to their proposed opening of another bakery in the Hall/Fuller area. Talk continued on to the property and house at 336 Wealthy SE, southeast corner of Wealthy and Prospect. The prospective buyer plans to convert to a two-family use. Staff is waiting for a confirmation of plans before calling a HHA Zoning Committee meeting to review the request.

Finally, the announcement was made that Home Tour is full/complete: eight homes and two institutions make up this year's event. NCBC will again operate their food booth from the 168 College NE address.

Barb updated her report with the announcement of two upcoming meetings: March 6 will be a meeting between Consumers Power and neighbors concerned about recent power brownouts. The second meeting on March 7 will be a Block Organizer Round Table held at the ICCF building on Cherry SE. Representatives from the Heritage Hill, East Hills, East Town and Baxter neighborhoods, as well as interested citizens, will be a part of a sharing of ideas and practices benefiting urban districts. Police representatives as well as invited speakers will be a part of this event.

Barb also said she is currently

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Board Notes (Cont'd from page 13)

working on crime stats in the hopes of soon determining the progress our neighborhood has made and/or any "hot spots" that may need attention. Talked briefly about gun violence. Two incidents involving the use of a gun occurred within the Heritage Hill district in 2012: State Street and Lafayette and College Ave. between Cherry and Wealthy.

Land Use – Vicki Hudson Goals and objectives for 2013 presented with a focus on the revitalization of State Street. The group is also looking at finding ways to update the board and neighbors on road construction/improvements in the area.
Administrative – Jim Payne The goals and objectives for this group are ongoing: monitoring staff issues, building maintenance, finances, institutional liaisons and fund development. Possibly looking at another luncheon of company/organization representatives to continue the efforts of increasing the neighborhood's exposure and funding.
Fundraising – Deb Bryker Goals and objectives are all centered around continued and increased fundraising efforts.

Friends and Sponsors goal increased to \$15,000; two-nights of the phone-athon pledge event are planned; NCBC will organize and run the Garden Tour this year, as it will move to the north end. Wine social was briefly talked about: jazz, art, wine and microbrews. Date possibilities are September 13th or 20th.

Four dates are secured for the Texas Hold'em fundraisers at TJ's Charity Game Room in 2013. Over \$8,000 was raised in these efforts last year (2012).

Last announcement from this committee: Home Tour Needs House Captains!
Community Involvement – Steph Eckley Goals and objectives include continuing to coordinate communications to neighbors and others (outside of neighborhood) about the neighborhood. Make sure all board members are on appropriate communication lists. Would like to work on something to gather more neighbor e-mail addresses to facilitate announcements/warnings/etc.

The Annual Picnic/Night Out is Tuesday, August 6. The Annual Meeting/Potluck will be December 6. Increased attendance and parking issues may require moving to a new venue for this event. An announcement will be made if this becomes a reality.

Central High is a hub or magnet school. Several career-path programs will be housed at Central as well as the Montessori program. Also those students currently attending Creston High may (or may not) attend Central to finish their schooling together as City High looks to be moving into the Creston High School building. The old City High building (on the Central campus) may sit empty for a while once

U-Prep moves to its new home on Division just south of Wealthy.

*The HHA Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third WEDNESDAY of every month at the GRCC DeVos Campus, 415 East Fulton, at the Robert Sneden Lecture Hall (center building). Neighbors are welcome to attend.
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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Wednesday, April 17, 2013

HHA Board Meeting - 7:00 pm.

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Friday, April 19, 2013

May/June Heritage Herald Deadline

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

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