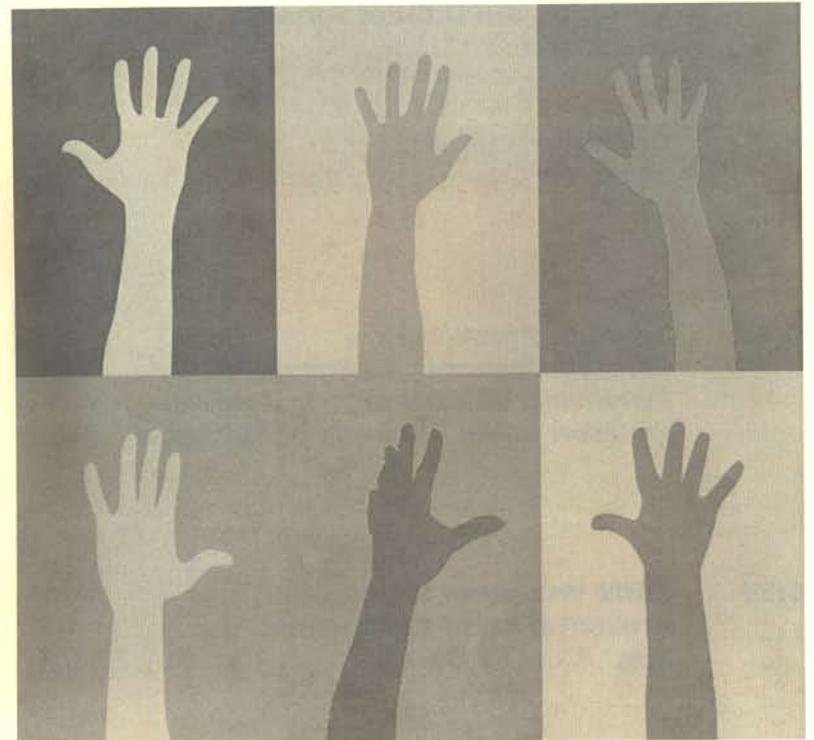


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Thanks to all those who have contributed to the success of this event, and to all our great neighborhoods in Saint Paul!

## **Celebrating Saint Paul's District Councils**



**2009 Neighborhood Honor Roll  
Volunteer Awards Night**

*January 22, 2010*

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**5:30 Social Hour**

**6:00 Welcome**

**Honoring SPPD Chief John Harrington**  
*Special Guest*

**Opening Remarks**  
*Saint Paul City Council President, Kathy Lantry*

**6:15 Keynote Presentation**  
*Christine Baeumler; Environmental & Community-based artist and Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota*

**6:30 2009 Volunteer Recognition and Presentation of Certificates**  
*Saint Paul City Council President, Kathy Lantry*

*The evening's musical entertainment is provided by  
D. Seru Trio*

### **District 1-Battle Creek**

**Cindy Fernlund** – Cindy worked over several CIB (Capital Improvement Budget) cycles to upgrade the playground equipment at her neighborhood park. In this past cycle, she organized her neighbors to advocate for needed facilities. As a result of their work, our friends in Dayton's Bluff found a "new-to-us" playground for local children. Her commitment and networking benefited our kids.

**Joe Wight** – The Police Storefront at SunRay Shopping Center exists because of Centro Properties Group and Joe Wight, the local manager. Joe works with the District Council and the police to make the center a comfortable place to shop and do business. His organization provides significant in-kind donations to assist the District 1 Council.

**Angela Stehr** – Angie was a long-time board member and officer, serving as secretary and committee member at District 1 for many years. She has worked on land use and environmental issues for the council and has been a dedicated volunteer and donor. Her contributions to the organization have made valuable improvements to all our neighborhoods.

### **District 2- Greater East Side**

**Rob Barbosa** - Rob Barbosa - Rob has served on the Bicycle Advisory Board, the D-2 Community Council Board, the North East Neighborhoods Block Nurse Program and on the Lafayette St. Bridge Citizen Advisory Committee. He is on the board of North East Neighborhoods Development Corporation and on the Hmong American Mutual Assistance Association.

**Judy Purcell** - Judy Purcell is nominated for her tireless efforts and leadership as President of the Lake Phalen Townhome Association. She has represented neighborhood concerns at community meetings and secured matching funds to preserve the association's natural pond and the surrounding prairie plants by

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working with the Watershed District and Prosperity Elementary.

**Gayle Ponting** - Gayle has lived in the area since 1983. Gayle helped start the Case Avenue block club. Over the years they have had much success gathering neighbors for meetings, keeping neighbors informed and working with several city departments, the Police and District 2 on vacant housing, problem properties, and other issues.

### **District 4 – Dayton’s Bluff**

**Stephanie Harr** – Has served as Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Board member and Council Treasurer for many years. Stephanie is co-chair of the Arts and Culture Committee. She has served as Neighborhood Energy Connection board member for many years, is an active Mounds Park Neighborhood resident, and a founder of Friends of Mounds Park.

**Mary Ann Cogelow** - Since 1975, Mary Ann has been active in the Dayton's Bluff Early Childhood Family Education program. For over 30 years, she has been a weekly support for families with resources, knowledge and encouragement. A well respected Parent Educator, she continues to write articles on parenting and child development for the Dayton's Bluff District Forum.

**Maryann Chowen** – Maryann had been drumming up support for a Dayton’s Bluff Living at Home Block Nurse program. And... She did it! MaryAnn has run the program since its launch 3 years ago. The program helps keep area seniors safe and living independently in their homes. Seniors now are linked to services such as transportation, advocacy and networking with community resources and food programs and health support clinics.

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### **District 5 – Payne Phalen**

**Anne Briseno** – Anne’s St. Paul community development experience spans two decades. We honor her extensive volunteer work with the Payne Arcade Business Association (PABA), dedicated service on PABA committees, including Treasurer, and support for the Payne Arcade Harvest Festival. Anne helps PABA welcome diverse new business owners as she organizes improvements for our Payne Phalen commercial business corridors.

**Mark Gallagher** – Mark offers skills, creativity and energetic leadership to benefit all ages in Payne Phalen. He leads a troop with Boy Scouts of America, and supports senior resident independent living with the Payne Phalen Living at Home Block Nurse Program. Mark also organized neighbors with the local American Legion and created a wildly successful National Night Out block party.

**Laurie Krivitz & Brian Cooper** – Laurie and Brian share this award for creating a beautiful community garden along the Gateway Trail. The Gateway Train Community Garden connects people to the land, and DNR trail users with our neighborhood. Laurie and Brian have help to grow community hopes and our neighborhood with this garden, now nominated for the St. Paul Golden Bloom Award.

### **In Memory Of Ray Sammons**

Ray Sammons (d. December 26, 2010). Passionate about citizen participation and power, Ray was a founding father of the District Council system. He skillfully challenged and championed Saint Paul for over 30 years. Ray was a powerful force of leadership for Payne Phalen with a vision for democracy across all Saint Paul neighborhoods. Ray was a local treasure for his broad view of what makes a city work, and his willingness to work toward it.

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### **District 6 – North End**

**Beverly Bybee** - Beverly Bybee has been a resident of the South Como neighborhood for 30 years. After dealing with her own land use property issue, she joined the District 6 Land use committee in 2002. She has also been a part of the community clean-up, Como Park pool committee, and other Land Use committees. She is invaluable to the District 6 Planning Council, always ready to roll up her sleeves and participate.

**Abetto's** - Abetto's has been part of St Paul's North End since 1931. Originally one of St Paul's first supermarkets, today Abetto's, located at 560 Como Avenue, and features a deli, banquet facility and a liquor store. Abetto's was purchased in June 2007 by the new ownership team, of Jennifer Kopp, Cheryl Scarpetti and Ron Bozich. Ron was the 2009 Winter Carnival Prince of the North Wind. Abetto's owners support numerous local organizations and have hosted a National Night Out celebration for the past two years. Abetto's hosts the Como Avenue Block Club meetings.

**Schroeder's Bar & Grill** - Brad Schmidt has owned Schroeder's since October 2003. Before the establishment was Schroeder's, it was Belgeas and then Jeraldines. Schroeder's has undergone a transformation both inside and out. Brad Schmidt is involved in many community activities and was the 2007 Winter Carnival Prince of the North Wind. Schroeder's hosts a Community Block Party as well as other community meetings. They have had the Rib Cook-off for seven years.

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### **District 7 – Thomas/Dale (Frogtown)**

**Hai Truong** - Since 2006, the Ngon Vietnamese Bistro has been owned and managed by Hai and his wife, Jessica. Recently, the Victoria Theatre, a historic building where a song from *The Anthology of American Folk Music* was recorded, became in jeopardy of being demolished. Hai started a neighborhood campaign to save the building. Hundreds of people are now working to preserve this Frogtown treasure.

**Patricia Ohmans** - Patricia started the Frogtown Garden Club. With the help of neighbors, Patricia is promoting a campaign to build a large urban farm in the heart of Frogtown. Currently, the group is working to secure the former Wider Foundation Campus, which is vacant. The hope is to create a space that offers both education and healthy food alternatives and call it the Frogtown Farm.

**Karen Inman** - Since joining the District 7 Board in 2005, Karen has been a constant participant in activities that encourage the improvement of Frogtown. Most recently, she has represented District 7 on the District Councils' Collaborative, a group dedicated to the equitable construction of Light Rail Transit. Karen has sacrificed hundreds of personal hours and she consistently does it with a smile.

### **District 8 – Summit-University**

**Aurora/Farrington Block Club** - In a very successful cross-cultural organizing effort over the past year, residents met with city staff and elected officials to address problems of drug dealing and absentee landlords on their blocks. Dealers were evicted and landlords met with the neighbors to outline how to respond to neighborhood concerns. They've also met to discuss the implications of LRT planning on the block, begun talks

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about best uses for vacant lots, and hosted several community gatherings. The group spans several generations and consists of white, African-American, Hmong and Latino neighbors supporting each other in ways that have attracted attention from other community-based organizations.

**Ken Green** – Ken Green is a member of the Summit-U board. In just a few months, Ken has worked to coordinate a food drive for the Hallie Q. Brown food shelf, done impressive outreach in his part of the neighborhood, started fundraising among his contacts, offered amazing advice on future organizational outreach, and generally dazzled us with his thoughtfulness and awesomeness.

**Adrienne Hannert** – What do you do when you see a blighted property in your neighborhood? If you're Adrienne Hannert, you buy it and open it to the neighborhood as a community space. Adrienne's interest in beautifying the community led her to hold a rain barrel workshop in her own wonderful garden, start reaching out to other Summit-U gardeners, and talk to neighborhood groups about creating a new community gardening space.

### District 10 - Como

**Sally Worku** - Sally has been a dedicated neighbor for many years. She has participated on several task forces and countless community meetings. She has an invaluable history of our neighborhood and District 10. She comes with a bright smile and at the same time asks the difficult questions. She keeps us honest.

**Chris Martineau** - Mr. Martineau chairs D10's Neighborhood Relations Committee, chartered to examine concerns of neighbors and institutions. Frequently this committee hears issues that can be contentious, passionate and polarizing and time consuming. He has worked tirelessly and fairly to defuse tension and soften rudeness. Saint Paul is fortunate to have a citizen of such ability.

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**David Arbeit** - In 2007 David Arbeit became chair of the District 10 Como Community Council. With his leadership, District 10 took an active role in responding to several challenges in the district. Our neighborhood has benefited enormously from David's knowledge of city planning, grant writing, and general wisdom about working with and for people. David was instrumental in forming the Capitol Region Watershed District and serves on the CRWD's Citizen Advisory Committee.

### District 11 – Hamline Midway

**Betsy Leach** - Betsy is one of those Über volunteers who have seemingly done just about everything. Betsy has been a member of the Hamline Midway Coalition Board of Directors, the HMC Executive Committee (as Treasurer), the HMC Transportation Committee, and the Hamline Midway Environment Group. She helped organize several neighborhood initiatives, including community gardening projects, rain barrel workshops, and pedestrian safety campaigns. Betsy also served as the District 11 representative on various transportation-related committees and is the principle author of the Environment and Transportation sections of the forthcoming 2010 District 11 Community Plan.

**Bob Style** - Over the past year and a half, Bob has been a key leader in HMC's vacant property cleanup campaign. Through Minnesota's extreme weather - snow, pouring rain, and humid heat - Bob has participated in every cleanup event since HMC Fall of 2008. Furthermore, he has provided tools, canvassed properties prior to clean up days to determine needs, and made certain that debris from the clean-ups is properly removed and disposed of.

**Hamline Midway Library Association** - When the Hamline Midway Library was threatened with closure in early 2009, the community took action to preserve this valued resource. Residents formed networks, staged rallies, and relentlessly lobbied public officials. The library was spared closure and the City formed the Hamline

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Midway Library Task Force. This Task Force then presented several ways the City might ensure the long-term viability of this branch. The community organizing effort also crystallized as the Hamline Midway Library Association, which will now act as a steward of the branch.

### District 12 – St. Anthony Park

**Ranae Hanson** - We nominate Ranae Hanson for her perfect mix of good humor and gravity in leading the Community Council for the past 6 yrs and always focusing on the fairest solutions to issues.

**Alice Hausmann** - We proudly nominate Alice Hausmann for her superb leadership in the State Legislature, always focusing on the issues that unite rather than divide us.

**Tim Wulling** - Tim Wulling is a long-time activist in St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace, and more recently, the catalyst for a group supporting environmentally responsible community living. A brilliant communicator, he advances peace and justice through email, creative skits, and meticulous research, letters to editors and politicians, and letterpress-printed poetry.

### District 13 – Union Park

**Erik Holland** - Erik was an active member of the Snelling-Hamline Community Council prior to the creation of the Union Park District Council. Erik played a large role in the successful transition. Erik also was very involved with the Eleanor Graham gardens on Hamline, and was instrumental in obtaining a CURA grant to develop a plan to beautify and improve the gardens.

**Jane McClure** - Jane has been a driving force and the lead person in charge of the reuse station at the 4 district annual neighborhood clean-up events for the past couple of years. She has been instrumental to the success of the events.

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**Ed Conley** - Ed purchased and rehabbed buildings in the Selby-Snelling area, including one that was near condemnation. These buildings were made beautiful with much detail given to original exteriors and producing inviting, well-appointed professional office and retail space in the interiors. His vision has greatly improved this commercial hub.

### District 14 – Macalester Groveland

**Joel Clemmer** - Joel is a dedicated board member that serves on numerous committees and has been a great role model in advocating to make St. Paul a better place to live by serving on task forces such as the District Councils' Collaborative. His wit, intelligence, time, dedication, creative thinking and demeanor combine to make organizations for which he volunteers more effective.

**Amber Dallman** - Amber was involved in the planning and execution of the 2009 Paint the Pavement project to promote traffic calming and pedestrian safety adjacent to the Edgumbe Recreation Center. She also provided exemplary support to her community by fulfilling the role of facilitator during work group sessions for the proposed Jefferson Bikeway project.

**Chris Engelmann** - Chris has worked along with the Groveland Booster Club in contributing hundreds of hours each winter season in leading the preparation and maintenance of Groveland ice rink since 1997. Chris's dedication provides a high quality outdoor ice surface for the outdoor skating enjoyment of hundreds of St. Paul residents every winter.

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### **District 15 – Highland**

**Teresa M. Ciccarelli** - Teresa Ciccarelli is principal of Highland Park Elementary. She has a wonderful ability to motivate the children, parents and teachers at Highland Park Elementary School to produce large academic gains each school year. Each year she sets higher standards for the school by using the International Baccalaureate program to enrich the children's education through culture and hands-on learning approach.

**Marta Kifle** - Marta Kifle has been the building manager for the property at Edgcumbe and St Paul Ave. She does an extraordinary job working with the children in the Community. This includes an after school program for kids to work on their homework, support and teaching their native languages and culture, providing rides, and spending her own time and money to make sure the children have supplies and snacks. Marta has been a strong role model for people in her building. She is a local hero to her neighbors. She is proof that one person can make a huge difference in the Community.

**Sibley Police Store Front / Neighborhood House** - These two property owners have stepped up and helped to address a huge Community need. Paster Enterprises, owner of Sibley Plaza shopping center donated the space for the St Paul Police Store Front and location for Neighborhood House. The Police are excited to have a location in this area of Highland and to partner with Neighborhood house. Together they are able to reach out to more of the Community to have a positive influence in our neighborhood.

**Bob Julen** - Bob Julen's family has owned and operated Sibley Manor Apartments since 1958. Bob recently celebrated his 40 year anniversary at Sibley. When Bob started his career, he worked as a maintenance technician and moved his way up through the company over the year. While his management style may be "no

nonsense", he continues to have one steady goal: "To provide safe, clean, affordable housing to those in need." Though Sibley has been a big part of the Highland Park community for decades, Bob's most recent contributions include donations to the Shop-with-Cops program and funding the utilities for the new home of the St. Paul Police and Neighborhood House at Sibley Plaza.

**Paster Enterprises** - Family owned and operated their success has been built upon over fifty years of dedication to developing the best possible shopping centers and maintaining the highest standards of management. These principles continue to guide Paster Enterprises towards the future. Edward Paster has been a member of the faculty and Dean of the University of Shopping Centers, as well as an instructor for the International Council of Shopping Centers. He has sat on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Shopping Center Association and has been a member of the Minnesota Retail Merchants Association.

### **District 16 – Summit Hill**

**Charlie Hardy** - Charlie did extraordinary work as the Pedestrian & Traffic Safety Committee Chair from 2002 through 2006. Among other projects, he secured timed lighting on Grand Avenue, 4-way stop signs near Linwood A+ School and citizen input over many months for the 2006 RSVP street project planning meetings with Public Works.

**Kate Pearce** - In just a few short years, Kate has already made a big impact in the neighborhood through her passion and tireless volunteerism including serving as SHA Treasurer, Environment Committee Chair, redesigning the Welcome Booklet, helping to bring HOURCAR to Grand Avenue, and serving as a building club leader.

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**Lisa McGann** - Lisa is an extremely creative, organized and very diligent Block Leader and SHA Board Member. Her outstanding contributions as the 2008 SHA House Tour Co-Chair helped to make that fundraising event the most successful year SHA has ever had. Lisa gets things done and she's a pleasure to work with.

### **District 17 – Capitol River / Downtown**

**Ruth Blackman (In Memoriam)** - A long-time downtown Saint Paul resident, Ruth Blackman invested countless hours into her community by diligently volunteering for various arts and culture organizations as well as for Capitol River Council - District 17. Over the past two decades, she has served as a member of various committees, the full Board of Directors, and always as an active and dependable volunteer. Ruth passed away this September and she is dearly missed by her neighbors and friends in District 17.

**Pedro Family** - The Pedro family has invested in downtown Saint Paul since 1914 when Carl Sr. opened the family business, Pedro Luggage. This year, the family donated their land to the City of Saint Paul so that it can be turned into a park. This generous gift marks a permanent investment in the downtown community. Pedro Park will anchor the neighborhood and be enjoyed by downtown residents, employees, and visitors for generations to come.

**District 1 Community Council**  
Eastview, Conway, Battle Creek and Highwood Hills  
651-501-6345

**District 2 Community Council Greater East Side**  
651-774-2220

**District 3 West Side Citizens Organization**  
651-293-1708

**Daytons' Bluff District 4 Community Council**  
651-772-2075

**Payne Phalen District 5 Planning Council**  
651-774-5234

**District 6 Planning Council (North End)**  
651-488-4485

**District 7 Thomas Dale / District 7 Planning Council**  
651-789-7407

**District 8 Summit-University Planning Council**  
651-228-1855

**District 9 West Seventh/ Fort Road Federation**  
651-298-5599

**District 10 Como Community Council**  
651-644-3889

**District 11 Hamline Midway Coalition**  
651-646-1986

**District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council**  
651-649-5992

**District 13 Union Park District Council** (Union Park Council: Merriam Park, Snelling, Hamline and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods).  
651-645-6887

**District 14 Macalester Groveland Community Council**  
651-695-4000

**District 15 Highland District Council**  
651-695-4005

**District 16 Summit Hill Association**  
651-222-1222

**District 17 CapitolRiver Council (Downtown)**  
651-221-0488

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