

PRESERVATION PRESS

**A SUMMIT AVENUE RESIDENTIAL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (SARPA) NEWSLETTER ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS ON
SUMMIT AVENUE--November, 2005**

A Word from President Les Moltzer

For much of the past decade SARPA was involved in a dispute regarding **University of St. Thomas (UST) expansion**. Last year, an agreement involving the City, UST, and neighborhood groups resulted in setting up the **West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC)**. It is made up of representatives from Macalester Groveland, Merriam Park, SARPA and Neighbors United, and its mission is to advise the community regarding construction, traffic (both vehicular and pedestrian,) housing, student activities off campus, parking and other issues. Because of a number of problems with off-campus student housing, the agreement further called for UST to purchase, rehab and sell thirty homes that are presently rented to students, and to sell them to single family, non-resident owners. This program is well on its way. We continue to work together and while we may not always agree, we have an active forum in which to create consensus.

At SARPA's request, police are **monitoring traffic on Summit Avenue** after numerous reports of speeding and use of the avenue by trucks. We continue to stay on top of this effort ...

Neighbors have called about an expansion of the parking lot at **St. George Church** on Lexington and Summit. The addition will be at the back of the lot west of the church, be screened by trees and the lighting will be turned inward so as not to disturb adjoining properties. **Please e-mail me at homez38@comcast.net if you have preservation concerns.**

JOIN SARPA and be a part of preserving the historic, residential, urban park character of Summit Avenue through advocacy, communication and community-building. **Membership is \$25 per person. Simply send your check to SARPA, Box 7262, St. Paul, MN 55107.**

Pieces of Preservation

Check out some of the great preservation efforts in progress or completed this year.....Top honors have to go to a monumental effort to restore the home at **353 Summit** to its turn-of-the-century image. It will be on the market in spring.....Impeccable detail and careful craftsmanship has gone into the restoration of **294 Summit (known as the Wayerhaeuser home)** which remains a one family residence. The same is true of **340 Summit**, which reportedly contained 26 apartments at one time but is now back to being a Beaux Arts gem for a single family.....Honorable mention goes to the restoration of **Waldorf Flats at 672 and 676 Summit**....And we continue to be appreciative of the beautification efforts at the **College of Visual Arts, 344 Summit**, and **Hap Nelson's remodeling at 534 Summit**....Proceeds from the Garden Stroll, sponsored by SARPA, financed a **bench in Lookout Park** at the corner of Summit and Ramsey Hill.....**Gardens at Monument Park** (Summit and Mississippi River Boulevard) were partially financed by SARPA and planted by master gardener **resident Marge Hols** and City volunteers.....Kudos to **resident Vince Platt** who designed and planted the urns over Ayd Mill Road.

Want to let us know about a Summit Avenue preservation effort or event? E-mail to tschi011@umn.edu

Summit Events

* **Summit Hill/District 16 Plan** Public hearing at the Planning Commission, Nov.4, 8:30 a.m. at City Hall Conference Center, Room 40

* **State Capitol Treasure Hunt** at the State Capitol, November 12,19, 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fee \$2.00. Visitors of all ages can go on a self-guiding scavenger hunt to find 12 important treasures of the Capitol.

* **SARPA Winter Lights Party at the University Club, Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006.**
Watch for your invitation!!

* **CHIPP: Cultural Historic Preservation Programs** followed by a social hour will get underway this winter. More information coming in the next newsletter and on the SARPA website at **www.SARPA.org**.

* **Summit Avenue Treasures Auction** in spring, 2006.

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