

**Ramsey Hill Association
2021 Accomplishments**

Kick off of Cochran Park Project (MASON/DAN)

Donations to Community Organizations

RHA strives to help those in our neighborhood and nearby surrounding areas through our annual Grant Program and other activities we help sponsor. This year has been a year of great need and we are proud that we have provided the following organizations support. To date we have donated \$20,254 to the following organizations. Thank you to all our donors who made this possible!

Recipient	Mission	2021 Program Initiative that RHA Supported	2021 Amount
Hallie Q Brown	The mission of Hallie Q. Brown Community Center is to improve the quality of life in our community by providing access to critical human services, fostering and promoting personal growth, and developing community leadership.	Early Learning Center Equipment	\$5,000
Children's Dental Services	CDS is dedicated to improving the oral health of children from families with low incomes by providing accessible treatment and education to our diverse community.	Provide dental services and education to 300 families.	\$3,500
Walker West	Walker West creates a music learning community rooted in the African-American cultural experience, where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather, explore, and grow through music.	2021 Summer Camp Scholarship	\$3,000
Common Bond Communities	Common Bond's mission is to build stable homes, strong futures, and vibrant communities.	Community Pantry and Garden	\$2,450
St Paul Urban Tennis	St Paul Urban Tennis strengthens our community by educating and empowering youth to realize their full potential.	Tennis skills, life skills and summer academic support	\$2,000
Saint Paul Public	Winter Gear Donations		\$1,800

Schools			
YWCA St Paul	YWCA St. Paul is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.	Girls Emerge Program	\$1,500
Penumbra	Penumbra Theatre creates professional productions that are artistically excellent, thought provoking, and relevant and illuminates the human condition through the prism of the African American experience.	Youth positive racial identity development	\$1,000

Improvements to Communication (Lauren)

- **New and improved website**
- **Newsletter**

Business Partnerships/Initiatives (SCOTT)

Treasurer Report

- 1. Highlights of Income and Expenses through Sep 30, 2021 (see separate document, "Profit and Loss" for detail)**
 - **\$4,470 Membership Income**
 - **\$6,305 Donation/Fundraising Income**
 - **\$3,663 Parks and Gardens Expense**
 - **\$20,811 Donations to Other Nonprofits and Communi**
 - **\$4,195 for software, website, donor management software etc.**

- 2. Bank Accounts as of 9/30/2021 (See separate document Balance Sheet):**
 - **Sunrise Main Checking: \$6,757**
 - **Sunrise Film Check: \$3,478**
 - **Sunrise General Savings (CD's): \$93,868**
 - **Sunrise Lookout Park Checking: \$13,498**
 - **Sunrise Lookout Savings (CD's): \$21,245**

- 3. Budget for 2022: See separate document**

Crime Prevention accomplishments this year (Bryan):

- Re-established Ramsey Hill representation at St. Paul Police Department's Western District Monthly Community meetings.
- Sent monthly email report on statistics and alerts from St. Paul Police Department's Western District Command.
- Maintain a working relationship with St. Paul Police Department's Western District Command and the Crime Prevention Unit.
- Helped resolve safety and security issues for RHA members and neighbors on Ashland and Arundel, in the Blair Arcade, on Portland Avenue, on Kent, on Marshall Avenue, on Nina Street, and in Cochran Park and McQuillan Park.
- Helped facilitate the RHA Membership call with Mayor Carter and asked questions about safety and crime prevention.
- Distributed "20MPH is Plenty" yard signs to RHA members and neighbors who asked for them.
- Shared tips and best practices on burglary prevention, catalytic converter theft prevention, bike theft prevention, car theft prevention, and personal safety.

Parks and Gardens accomplishments this year (Andrea)

- New park captain for McQuillan Park
- Additional plants ordered for Boyd, McQuillan Parks
- Have a gardeners kick-off party in the Spring to create excitement for the growing season and attract more volunteers
- Added new volunteers in Boyd, McQuillan, and Overlook Parks
- Discussed with other board members and park captains additional opportunities for planting and long term goals in the parks
- Discussed with other board members additional holiday lighting opportunities and possible decor additions, including evergreen boughs and bows where lighting is not an option
- Shared monthly articles in the newsletter
- Participating and planning fundraising event(s) for Cochran Park

House Tour Chair Accomplishments this Year (Julia Gauthier)

It has been a year of growing, learning, and significant decisions as the House Tour Chair. As with so many things that changed during the pandemic, the long tradition of House Tours in our neighborhood has changed as well. Moving forward as the House Tour Chair, my focus is achieving the goals of the House Tour in new and innovative ways that match the conditions of today. Even though there is not a 2021 House Tour event on the calendar, much was accomplished this year. My sincere thanks to Cathy Maes and Jason Patalonis for their hard work and support. Here is a quick recap of the team's work:

- Partnered with Summit Hill Association for a shared house tour in 2021

- Produced and promoted a Historic House Holiday Tour to evaluate the concept of a video tour
- Results of the Holiday Tour encouraged us to move forward with a full video tour in 2021
- Sought bids for and selected a provider of video and photography
- Recruited the participation of about a dozen very generous homeowners and in later spring, started scheduling the video shoots
- Created new business promotional packages
- In late spring of this year business and events started quickly opening back up after over a year of closure and lockdown from coronavirus
- The Board became concerned that a video tour would not be popular, and we made the difficult decision to cancel the video event
- We continue to consider how to creatively achieve the goals of the tour, which historically has been the biggest source of funding for RHA

Membership Chair Report for 2021 (Kevin Hennessy)

- 25 new bundle memberships to date (since 1-1-2021) and 8 new business memberships.
- Business memberships have been free this year and will be free next year also.
- Both a household/associate membership promotional document/application and a business brochure/application were created.

Social Events Chair

- Hosted 11 Walk-About social gatherings, averaging one per month during 2021. These social gatherings ranged from 10 to 40 neighborhood residents and friends per event and included;
 - A food drive and tour of Hallie Q. Brown
 - House tours of the Germanic American Institute
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald tour from the Commodore to the University Club with local author, professor and musician
 - Walking tour of neighborhood houses in RHA/PBS documentary
 - Garden and Sculpture tours of Cochran, Boyd, Nathan Hale and McQuillan Parks
 - Scavenger hunt through neighborhood gardens
 - Tour of Ramsey Hill sidewalk poetry
- Cocktails for Cochran Fundraiser at the Commodore to raise funds for Cochran Park's rehabilitation and preservation, as well as celebrate 100 years of the Commodore.