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Deadlines (Continued from Inside Calendar of Events)

July 3 The Duluth LISC needs from Central Hillside nominations for Neighborhood Heroes 2009

Neighborhood Heroes will be selected by the Community Club leaders in each of the five At Home in Duluth – Creating Neighborhoods that Work neighborhoods: Morgan Park, West Duluth, Lincoln Park, Central Hillside, and East Hillside. Neighborhood Heroes are leaders, teams, and families who not only use their individual skills and knowledge to do good work but also engage the resources and strength of the entire community to make a real, positive change.

Nomination Information needed:

Nominee name
Mailing address
Home/Work telephone numbers
Email address

August 31

Check list for community in which the nominee resides and which he/she represents
Permission for publication of statement and photo

Information from the nominator needed by date of deadline:

Name
Mailing address
Home/Work telephone numbers
Email address
Relationship to nominee

Contact:

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Duluth, MN 55805
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All applications due to the Community Development Office, Room 407, Duluth City Hall, East 2nd St., Duluth, MN by 4:00 in the afternoon. Submit electronically only.



Bell Tower of Historical Old Central High School

Central Hillside Organizations Receiving LISC Funding:

AICHO

CHUM

Center City Housing

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS)

Northern Community Land Trust (NCLT)

SOAR Career Solutions

Women in Construction Training Program/ Women in Construction Company (WiCTP/ WiCC)

Duluth LISC, 202 W. Superior, Suite 401, Duluth, MN 55802 (Call: 727.7761, Fax: 727.7769)

Central Hillside Sustainability

The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) with Creating Neighborhoods that Work-At Home in Duluth implements “quality of life” plans to sustainable community development. Central Hillside is one of five neighborhoods that builds a sustainable community through its effort to invest in its people and places:

Housing and Real Estate

San Marcus Apartments, Lake Superior View Condominiums, and some new duplexes and single-family homes were possible through the LISC’s predevelopment recoverable grants, low-interest loans, equity financing, and technical assistance.

Wealth and Income

Many Central Hillside residents attend homebuyer-education programs, participate in financial management training, create matched savings accounts, and use employer-assisted homeownership incentive programs and other programs via agencies.

Economic Activity

Creating Neighborhoods That Work-At Home in Duluth funds many businesses along the Fourth Street corridor to improve their storefronts, increase their curb appeals, and attract more customers.

Education

Youth who developed their employable skills that meet Duluth’s workforce needs are graduating from Duluth’s Secondary Technical Center. Working with Women in Construction Company, they built a home in Central Hillside a few years ago.

Healthy Environment

CHUM and NHS coordinate neighborhood educational forms, block clubs, and other community building activities with a grant through National LISC’s Community Safety Initiative.

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Secretary:
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Community Development Program

Schedule of Events

		<p>May 5 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Community Forum, Central Hillside Community Center 12 E. 4th St., Duluth, MN 55805 <i>The Community development Division will hold a series of community forums that will serve as the Community Development and Housing Needs Public Hearing. The forums will provide low-moderate income persons with an opportunity to identify issues they are facing in a less formal and interactive setting. These sessions will provide input into the development of the funding priorities for FY 2010. For more information see the Duluth Consolidated Plan's URL:</i></p> <p>http://www.duluthmn.gov/planning/cd/FINALCONPLAN.pdg</p>
<p>July 30, 2009</p>	<p>Community Development (CD) Program Applications Technical Assistance Session <i>Applications for funding request will be available on this date. The session will provide an overview of the funding eligibility and programmatic requirements to apply for funding. This will be the opportunity to meet with staff and discuss application fees. Also, applicants can set up individual meetings with staff until August 27, 2009.</i></p>	<p>May 16 8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Central Hillside Spring Clean-up <i>Meet at the Central Hillside Community Center for instructions and equipment. Dumpster for household refuse will be available at the Central Hillside Community Center.</i></p>
<p>August 31, 2009 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>CD Program Final Application Submission Deadline <i>All applications due to the Community Development Office, Room 407, Duluth City Hall, East 2nd St., Duluth, MN by the time given at the left. All applications must be submitted electronically.</i></p>	<p>May 28 4:30 P.M.</p>	<p>Cascade Park Garden Clean-up (Nature Resources Committee) <i>Spruce up the garden beds in Cascade Park by removing dried plants and picking up litter in the park -- followed by margaritas afterward (a tradition).</i></p>
<p>October 27, 2009 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>CD Committee Makes Preliminary FY 2010 Action Plan Recommendations and 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan Goals <i>CD Committee decides on preliminary funding amounts for each program area. The Committee will have reviewed applications and will request any questions to be answered in writing.</i></p>	<p>May 28 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Duluth Does Cash and Young: Local and Regional Artists Performing Cash and Young Classics <i>Entrance Fee: \$10/person Place: Sacred Heart Music Center</i></p>
<p>November 13 – December 14, 2009</p>	<p>Thirty-Day Public Comment Period <i>Funding recommendations are published in the newspaper and are available in the libraries and on the City's Web site. Anyone may submit comments or questions regarding the plan or funding recommendations to the CD Office.</i></p>	<p>May 30 10:00 A.M.</p>	<p>Cascade Park Garden Planting (Nature Resource Committee) <i>Plant annuals in the Cascade Park gardens. LWV members can bring along any helpers, such as children who would love to plant flowers.</i></p>
<p>December 15, 2009</p>	<p>CD Committee Public Hearing <i>The CD Committee holds a public hearing on FY2010 Action Plan and funding recommendations as well as on the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan Goals. Applicants and citizens may comment on those recommendations. The Committee reviews comments and may change recommendations prior to submitting them to the City Council.</i></p>	<p>June 6 9:00 A.M. to completion</p>	<p>NHS Flower Fest <i>Location: Neighborhood Housing Service (NHS) of Duluth, 224 E. 4th St., Duluth, MN 55805 (Phone: 218.727.8604)</i></p>
<p>December 21, 2009</p>	<p>Council's Review and Approval of the FY2010 Action Plan and 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Plan Goals <i>Council reviews the CD Committee recommendations and then approves budget for the Program. Applicants may want to be present for questions or to speak on the Council's resolutions. (Note: This is a regular Council meeting that is open to the public.)</i></p>	<p>June 23 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>CAPER (Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report) Public Hearing <i>If you received a grant in a previous funding year, your program performance will be reviewed at this hearing. Grantees should be available to answer questions about their program activities.</i></p>
<p>April 1, 2010</p>	<p>Programs funded with FY2010 funds will begin. <i>(Note: No funds may be committed or expenses incurred prior to this date.)</i></p>	<p>August 23 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.</p>	<p>Hillside Tour of Homes <i>Listing of homes and institutions will be given later. Location: Neighborhood Housing Service (NHS) of Duluth, 224 E. 4th St., Duluth, MN 55802 (Phone: 218.727.8604) (Note: This is a fundraiser for NHS.)</i></p>
		<p>September 26 9:00 A.M. – Noon</p>	<p>Connecting the Dots III <i>Location to be announced</i></p>

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Places

Saigon Cafe

114 West First Street
Duluth, MN
Call: 218.737.3987
11:00 – 9:00, M – Th
11:00 – 10:00, F & Sat
Noon – 8:00, Sun

Proprietors:: Chan Tran, Khoe Tran,
Yane Tran (Son), Nhanh Dinh,
Katie Bridges

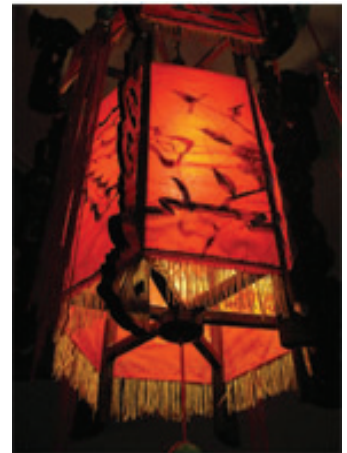
Opening: January 21, 2009

Cuisines: Vietnamese, Chinese, & American

Specialties: Pho Tai, Spring Rolls with Peanut
Sauce, Sesameck



*Left to Right: Chan Tran,
Khoe Tran, and Yane Tran*



Lantern, Saigon Cafe



Pho Tai, Saigon Cafe



Lantern, Saigon Cafe



Dinner dish, Saigon Cafe

Throughout history people have come to live and work in Central Hillside neighborhood because they have had something to contribute to it. Thus, it is today. Amongst the many people who have chosen to have businesses in Central Hillside, the proprietors of the Saigon Cafe chose to move their business from the Village Square Mall to 114 West First Street. With no intention of moving again, Chan Tran, Khoe Tran, Yane Tran, Nhanh Dinh, and Katie Bridges are putting forth efforts to make their restaurant known to more people in Duluth. They own a food trailer, which they tow to the many summer festivals in Duluth. From the trailer they sell their Vietnamese, Chinese, and American cuisines. If you see them at the Fourth of July festival and other festivals, stop to say hello and to diversify your knowledge of good international foods. Their selections are so delicious that you will want to come to the restaurant for family or small-group meals; the latter can be accommodated in a private section of the restaurant.

Their accumulative years of experience in restaurants are impressive. Chan Tran worked 20 years at the Chinese Lantern of Duluth; Koe Tran has worked for as many years in different restaurants in Duluth; their son, Yane Tran, has worked in this family-business for as many yeas as he has been able to work and intends to continue to do so. Khoe Tran's brother, Nhanh Dinh, came with the Tran family in 1986 from Vietnam to escape the Communists and has remained in the restaurant business with them. After arriving in America, he married Katie Bridges, who also is a proprietor of the Saigon Cafe. Chan and Khoe Tran came to Central Hillside to introduce Chinese and Vietnamese cuisine to its people and others in Duluth.

Welcome.

People

Gene Johnson-McKeever

Address: North Lake Avenue
Telephone: 218.591.2682
Profession: Artist, Community Leader
Retirement Date: June 2009

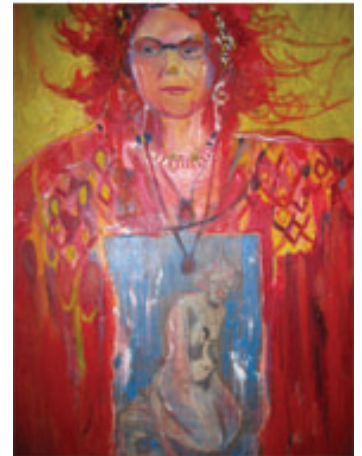
In June Central Hillside community activist/leader and artist Gene Johnson-McKeever will be retiring from the Central Hillside Community Club. With her she wants to take the many friends whom she acquired through the years while she worked with various local youth programs. Some people have “sticky” personalities, i.e. those personalities around whom people gather and choose to stay. Gene has such a personality, which has served her well in her endeavors at work and in the community.

She is leaving behind many achievements valued by both her and the people living in Central Hillside. She has been an artist, mentor, and role-model for many youth in her neighborhood and, thus, has enhanced their lives such that they became people that they never thought that they could become. She has helped many people with their lives through her caring attitude and efforts.



Title: *Granddaughter Corissa*
Medium: Oil on canvas

Title: *Self-portrait*
Medium: Oil on canvas



She has been a community leader/activist since her arrival in Duluth in 1986. She established the National Night Out, block parties, block clubs, and garden clubs. Through her many efforts she has enhanced the image and safety of the neighborhood by bringing a more positive spotlight upon it. One year that spotlight shined on Lake Avenue when she arranged for it to be lighted for Christmas. She has been an event-organizer in the neighborhood and has served on many boards, including that of the NAACP, CHCC, and Central Hillside Garden Club.

She has mastered the media to use it for the neighborhood's best purposes. Through the media she has spoken about issues in the neighborhood and formed groups to overcome obstacles that have made problems for its people..

Plans for the Future

In June she wants to organize a special event in Cascade Park for youth to display their art. She wants to take classes at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, give more time to her friends whom she had at work and still has in the community, and sit on her back porch. So, if you don't find her in her front yard, look for her there. She wants to enjoy her home, for which she had little time when she was working. However, most importantly, she wants to enjoy her grandchildren. If she has any time left, she wants to teach.