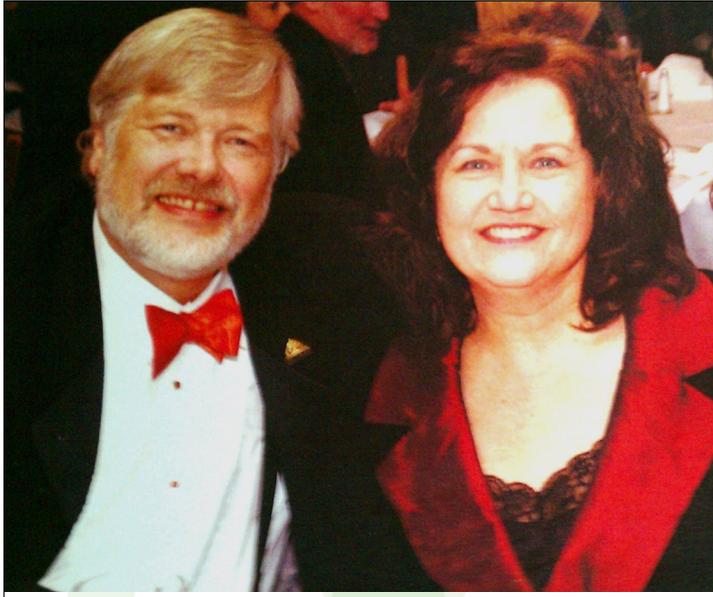


Dave Thune

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Greetings

It's years like 2012 that make an elected official's life complete. So many good things that have bubbled along for years are finally coming true. Penfield/Lunds and Schmidt Brewery construction got underway in 2012. I could not be happier to be the Ward 2 Councilmember at this time in history.

Other things I have worked on for years also happened in 2012: The Children's Playspace was renovated with new ground covering by original artist Caprice Glaser. High Bridge dog park opened, and my heart sings every time I see all the dogs running and enjoying themselves. Plaza de Honor honoring the large number of veterans sent off to foreign wars from the West Side flats was constructed on Harriet Island. The anti-marriage amendment failed in the 2012 election; Minnesota said "love is love." The Lowertown Master Plan, a feat completely conceived, funded, and executed by a dedicated group of neighborhood residents, passed and is now part of Saint Paul's comprehensive plan. Invest Saint Paul houses the Fort Road Federation worked hard to renovate in Little Bohemia have sold to great new families and for more than we anticipated when we started the program. We saved some grand historic homes from demolition. The Saints Ballpark was finally funded. 2012 was a very good year.

Happy New Year to Ward 2 from my wife Sue and me. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Councilmember this year.

Year in Review

1). The City Council approved a licensing agreement between Saint Paul Parks and Recreation and Xcel Energy in May that called for Parks to manage an off-leash dog park at High Bridge Park. In June, the City Council accepted a gift of benches for the dog park from Able Fence. If you use the park, send Able Fence a holiday thank you note. At the end of May, Thune was ecstatic to be able to take part in the long-awaited grand opening of the High Bridge off-leash dog park. Pat guesstimated about 100 dogs participated, including this little fellow who was hanging on Thune's every word.



2). We're actually getting a new ballpark! On July 18th, the City Council authorized a land swap with the Port Authority. Councilmember Dave Thune was honored to be able to sign the actual plat maps. The Port's land at the Gillette site in Lowertown was swapped for the City's Municipal Ballpark in Midway, thus setting the stage for a possible Saints Ballpark in Lowertown. Earlier Governor Dayton had authorized \$25 million in State of Minnesota funding for a new ballpark in Saint Paul.



3). The City of Saint Paul voted in June to encourage its residents to vote "No" on the ballot initiative seeking to add discrimination against gays and lesbians to the Minnesota constitution.

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Penfield/Lunds Under Way

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Penfield's historic columns wrapped for demolition

4). Demolition of the old Public Safety building started in August and construction of the new Penfield market rate apartments with a Lunds Grocery Store on the first floor started in October. You might enjoy these time lapses of digging the new parking garage out as taken by a Pointe resident, as well as construction taken by the architect.

5). Dave received a briefing in August from Planning & Economic Development (PED) and Offices Services (our bean counters) on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) debt ceiling the City of Saint Paul is bumping into. City Councils over many years have set a policy of staying below a ceiling of 10% of taxable valuation to be outstanding in TIF debt at any one time. This has allowed the City to retain its excellent rating with credit agencies. We will be seeing fewer TIF districts in the next few years until some of the earlier ones are defeased (paid off).

6). The National Insurance Crime Bureau donated a theft bait car to the Saint Paul Police Department in July. Your block club can contact your FORCE unit officer for more information.

Watch the Penfield project grow at <http://oxblue.com/per/weis/thepenfield>

7). Thune met with Kristin Makholt and Teresa Sterns from Minnesota Museum of American Art (MMAA) to talk about their exciting move into the historic Pioneer Building. Dave and Pat attended a December art presentation by Mike Hazard in their temporary quarters in Pioneer. Speaking of which, Rich Pakonen has been doing a masterful job of renovating the historic Pioneer and Endicott Buildings in Lowertown. The City Council and Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) approved a small TIF district in June. Rich is converting this gorgeous example of Richardson Romanesque architecture into 234 units of rental housing with two floors of museum and retail at street/skyway levels. Thune was given a private tour of the construction underway in September.

8). When Thune noticed that the overwhelming majority of cultural STAR funds were going to very large arts organizations and long-time, small arts organizations were zeroed out, he offered an amendment to restore some funding balance to small groups downtown. As a note, by law 75% of all cultural STAR monies must go to arts organizations in the downtown Cultural Corridor. Projects funded with the Council approved Thune amendment include: Saint Paul Art Crawl, Lowry Lab Theatre, Sounds of Hope, Irish Fair, Festa Italiana, Conservatory of Music, and Boychoir.



l-r: Pat Lindgren, Kevin Barta, Kat Stillings Barta, Ellen McPartlan, Rhea Pappas, John Mannillo, Jesse Haug, and many others

9). The Lowertown Master Plan sailed thru its final presentation to the CapitolRiver Council in January, snaked its way thru the Planning Commission between January and March, whizzed thru the Heritage Preservation Commission with a strong recommendation in February, and was approved by the City Council in April, making it an official part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Congratulations to the regular citizens who championed this. As Margaret Mead said, "Never underestimate the ability of a small group to change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

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DOWNTOWN

10). Seestedt's Carpets came in for final approval of the assessment for their exterior façade tuck-pointing improvement, utilizing the second round of the Downtown Façade Improvement program created by Dave Thune.



11). Fred Clayton and Mark Karason worked with the Capitol Region Watershed District, Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation District, the University of Minnesota, and thanks to HRA Chair Thune, with George Sherman & Associates to plan a well-designed rain garden in on the site of Printers Row II in Wacouta Commons. Fred is making great progress, and we can't wait to see the rain garden.

12). Ward 2 received complaints via phone, e-mail, Facebook, and Twitter when the LRT construction contractor on 10th & Cedar decided to jack-hammer until 1:30 in the morning one otherwise beautiful evening in March. Dave Thune organized a March 19th meeting with residents of The Pointe, staff from History Theatre, and the two churches with representatives from Walsh Construction, Met Council, and Public Works to discuss construction noise. Agreement was struck on: (a) no jack-hammering or saw cutting after 10 pm; (b) work starting after 8 am on Saturdays, and noon on Sundays; (c) using lower volume back-up alarms; and (d) providing residents 72-hour notice of their intention to conduct night work. Melissa Wenzel graciously offered to be the single point of contact and disperse information out to the other residents. Much thanks to Melissa and Walsh Construction, things went better after that.



13). Construction started on the Children's Playspace the last week of April.



Dave was thrilled to take part in the official ribbon cutting of the Children's Playspace on 4th & Sibley in September. Dave and Pat are shown here with TPT's Clifford the Big Red Dog, who made an appearance at the ceremony.



Dave has been rolling a rock uphill for at least 6 years trying to get this ground surface renovation funded. Many thanks to Kim Hyers and Jim Miller for all their work on this project, and to CapitolRiver Council and TPT for the grand party.

14). Ward 2 received a barrage of complaints about loud live entertainment in the atrium that FACES shares with several condo associations. Working with Dave Thune at a June meeting called in his office, the neighbors, the City's licensing office, City Attorney, and the owner of FACES agreed to several conditions for obtaining a legal entertainment license. The conditions included providing music only inside the restaurant and not in the atrium, and providing some sound absorbing floor treatments for the bands. The neighbors and FACES were allowed a trial run to see if the conditions worked, and the entertainment license was approved by the City Council in July.

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Dave Kreitzer (far left) turning over the keys to Schmidt Brewery to Owen Metz of Dominion Development (far right) while Dave Thune and Mark Moorhouse of Dominion beam on

15). In February both the City Council and Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) approved creation of a TIF (tax increment financing) district for a housing construction project in the Bottle House and Brew House (AKA Castle). In March, the Metropolitan Council approved a \$660,000 TBRA clean-up grant for the artists lofts, and the HRA, chaired by Dave Thune, authorized the issuance of housing bonds. In July, the City Council approved new final plat maps for the Schmidt Brewery development, dividing the property among three different owners for the first time in its history. Dominion Development will own the Castle and Bottle House; Fort Road Federation will own the Administration/Rathskeller and Keg House; and Bruce Hendry will own the light industrial buildings at the rear of the property. In August, the City Council accepted a \$400,000 Livable Cities grant from the Metropolitan Council.

In November, Dominion closed on purchase of the property (photo above). Construction started on the Bottle House immediately and is well underway on both buildings, with leasing expected in early 2014.

16). Nova Classical Academy took out a building permit for their new combined campus building project in Victoria Park in January. Thune participated in the groundbreaking ceremony in the Spring. The project is now complete and the first school year underway.

17). Mayor Coleman returned the window sign ordinance without signature in January, thus making it law. The new ordinance limits the amount of temporary signs in store front windows to no more than 30% of window surface, and also limits dynamic display signs that face out toward the street. They must meet the laws pertaining to exterior dynamic display signs. West Ender [Andrew Hine testified](#) at the public hearing in favor of tasteful signage. In November, Scenic Saint Paul funded two college interns to assist DSI with educating small business owners about the new ordinance, and providing DSI with information for compliance actions. All sign ordinances are enforced following receipt of a citizen complaint.

18). The City Council passed changes to the excessive consumption charges the police are allowed to charge to problem properties where the problem is illegal activity. Previously a property would have to generate four (4) calls in one month to warrant excessive consumption fees. Amendments passed by the City Council in April changed that to three (3) calls in six months, making it easier to charge property owners who willfully and knowingly continue renting to individuals engaged in criminal activities at their property for disproportionate police costs. Ask your FORCE unit officer to explain these charges to your block club.



Weis Builders begin construction on the Schmidt Bottle House

19). Thune met with Jon Kerr, Claire Henn, Tom Brock from Greening the Avenue, as well as Nance Derby-Davidson, in April to go over Nance's concept design for exterior renovation of Cooper's Grocery Store. Sara Cooper loved the concept and, with a matching grant from Greening the Avenue, art installation, painting, and construction of flower boxes commenced in the fall. The community, including former Mayor George Latimer, Dave Thune, Claire Henn, Armaiti Prosch, Sara Cooper, and artist Nance Derby-Davidson, showed up for the grand opening ceremony in November.



21). West Ender Marit Brock organized a June tour of the old NW Tire shop on West 7th Street with a group of neighbors, a representative of the bank that owns it, and a potential developer to see what could be done with the building. Pat and a planner from PED participated. The developer's suggestion was to demolish the building and start over. He said that the current building had negative value for the property. A second potential owner stopped in to Thune's council office in November and said his commercial real estate agent had given him the same advice.

22). In September the City Council approved a bridge moratorium, prohibiting the issuance of any building permits for the Island Station building on the Upper Levee. On October 10th, Dave Thune sponsored and the City Council passed an ordinance making that moratorium run for one year. In the meantime, the ordinance called for an historic survey of the building by the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and for Parks and Recreation to study historic designation of that building in their Great River Passage comprehensive plan. The HPC hired a contractor to conduct the historic survey in November. His recommendations should be available by March.

If any of you renowned historians who call the West End home have any historical information about Island Station, please share it with Amy Spong at the HPC and she will pass it on to the contractor.



l-r: Nancy Derby-Davidson, Sara Cooper, Dave Thune and Greening Board member Claire Henn at ceremony.

20). The City Council approved \$200,000 in STAR funding and \$1.25 million grant from the Metropolitan Council for exterior renovation of the Schmidt Rathskeller and associated Administration Building in February. In July, the City Council approved a \$400,000 Neighborhood STAR loan to renovate 20,000 square feet for offices, retail, and a banquet facility. In September, Thune sponsored a successful \$60,000 Year-Round STAR funding request for the Rathskeller. In December, the City Council authorized an additional \$20,000 to complete roof replacement on the Administration Building.



23). In June the large, brick, 1905 Thauwald House was moved off the Kraus Anderson lot and resettled at 29 Douglas Street in Little Bohemia. It is being renovated and will be on the market soon in case you are in the market for a reasonably priced mansion.



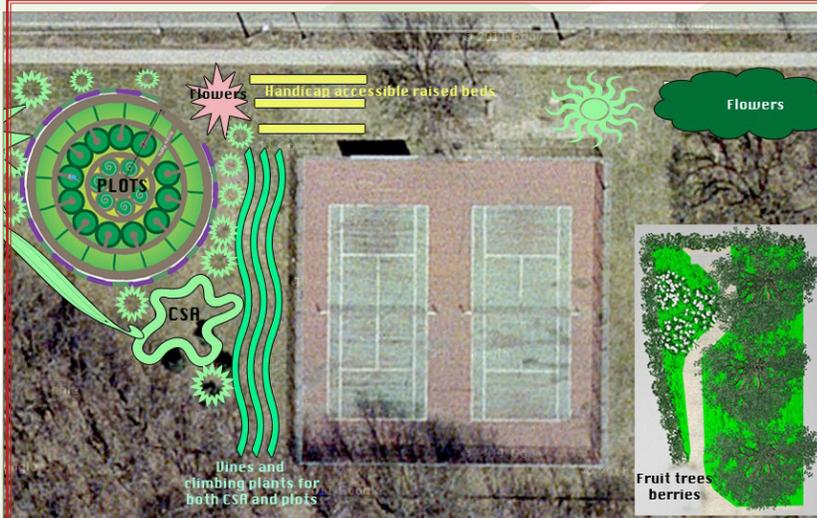
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Linwood Community Garden design

24). Thune met with Kate Peace (Summit Hill Association board member) and Jeff Roy (SHA executive director) in July to learn about their plans to install a community garden at Linwood Recreation Center near the tennis courts. SHA had some very attractive plans for the garden (see inset photo). They were facing some bureaucratic hurdles with the City, but were working through them. In October Pat met with Kate Pearce, Jeff

Roy, Daniel Halsey (the garden designer), and a staff person from Parks and Recreation out at the site to discuss what SHA needed to do to appeal a Parks Commission ruling against their community garden. The Parks staff person was extremely helpful. Apparently the Commission had misunderstood a phrase the Linwood garden proponents had used in the application.

A couple of words changed in the applica-

tion, plus assistance from SHA to turn on and bleed off the water line once a year, should get the Linwood community garden a construction permit in the Spring. Please consider supporting the garden at Kickstarter. Excellent work, Kate & gardeners.



Kate Pearce & Dave Thune at community garden site

25). Grand Ole Creamery is interested in opening a second location in the Municipal Elevator on the Sam Morgan Trail at Upper Landing. Yes!

26). From the Police Department's November Report: Central FORCE unit recovered three handguns off a party bus. One of the guns was reported stolen in Fridley. The FORCE unit also made several arrests and recovered suspected heroin and marijuana.

27). The Emily Program decided to drop their plans to purchase the Wilder property at 180 South Grotto. We must give a shout out to neighbor Kay Raabe who graciously took over the difficult and often thankless role of collecting information and distributing it to all the neighbors. For her work on that project, Kay received a Neighborhood Honor Roll award in January.

A new developer came forward mid-year with a plan to develop the property into 13 single family home lots. In September the Ward 2 office

worked with concerned neighbors, the developer and the City Sewer Department on water, sewer, and stormwater run-off utilities. There were some practical issues that were satisfactorily resolved with Public Works. By Spring, families wanting to build their dream homes on Fairmount or Osceola should have a great opportunity.



l-r: Winfried Raabe, Kay Raabe, Councilmember Dave Thune, Chad Skally (GABA) can be seen in the background

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SUMMIT HILL

28). In June, Dave Thune, joined by all the other six Councilmembers, sponsored a resolution supporting a constitutional amendment to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United granting corporations personhood. It passed unanimously on June 13th. Congressman Keith Ellison joined the press conference following the vote.



29). Dave attended the March Grand Avenue Business Association annual meeting at the invitation of Sue Evens, the new GABA executive director. He had a thoroughly enjoyable time there. Sue was grateful for Thune's support in letting Grand Ole Days continue selling food for one hour after the beer sales ended, thus allowing a more orderly flow of foot and car traffic thru the neighborhood at the end of the day.

30). Thune led the first Housing Trust Fund working session in July to gather ideas on how to spend the \$2.5 million allocated to the Fund along the Central Corridor light rail line. The HRA heard from Professor Prentiss Cox about Home-Owner/Lender mediation as a tool to mitigate foreclosure effects on neighborhoods. They later approved the following spending plan: \$200,000 in a foreclosure buyback program, \$150,000 to preserve senior citizen home ownership, \$400,000 for Federal Housing Authority Title 1 home improvements, \$750,000 for preservation of affordable multi-family housing, \$500,000 for construction of new affordable multi-family housing, and \$500,000 to the very successful Neighborhood Stabilization program.

31). To protect the neighborhoods thru which these barstools on wheels pass, including Summit Hill, Thune sponsored an ordinance regulating pedal cars, which passed the City Council on October 10th. The ordinance went thru several iterations as a result of public testimony at the Council hearings, and was laid over several times while Thune and the City's licensing division worked with owners of the newly regulated vehicles. Pedal cars must now pass vehicle inspections, submit routes for approval, and comply with all existing noise ordinances.

32). The City Council voted on June 6th to authorize a trial to study the use of porous pavement in alley construction or reconstruction. Chicago has used porous alley pavements for years to make alleys "greener."

33). Dave Thune met with John Marshall from Xcel Energy in September about the fully adaptive tot lot they have both wanted to see developed at High Bridge Park. Jon Kerr, with Greening the Avenue, located photos and resources for adaptive playground equipment designers and suppliers. The first need is to put together a brochure to take to potential funders. John Marshall offered to be helpful in speaking to a friend or two about locating some charitable funding for the tot lot. Dave met with SHA resident Rene Pritzker from Highland Friendship Club in November, who also offered to be similarly helpful.



34). The Lexington is applying for a 70-seat rooftop patio and a group of neighbors are objecting, mostly to the hours of operation. They both appeared at a Legislative Hearing to iron out their differences and find some common conditions that would satisfy all parties. That ended in a stalemate. City and Mayor's office staff took a stab at crafting a possible compromise position and presented it to both the owners of The Lexington and the neighbors. Pat met with a group of about ten neighbors and Joe Spencer met with the restaurateurs to discuss the proposed compromise conditions. Neither the owners nor the neighbors were prepared to agree with the proposal. Both sides attended a second Legislative Hearing on February 28th. The report is still in process.



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I-r: Dave Thune meeting with Executive Director of West St. Paul YMCA and West Siders at Baker

35). Dave Thune held a meeting at Baker Rec Center in April with FAB! (Friends and Amigos of Baker!), the director of the West Saint Paul YMCA, the director of Saint Paul Parks & Rec, and interested neighbors about progress on the Y's interest in leasing Baker pool for their scheduled swimming activities and meets. Dave and Pat and hundreds of other friends and amigos attended the FAB! potluck picnic in June with representatives from the school district.



I-r: Jon Kerr, School Board member Keith Hardy, Dave Thune, Tim Russell & Principal Sharon Hendrix

36). Dave Thune, Karen Reid from NeDA, Mark Buelow from BB Housing, and Judge Mark Ireland nominated Jane Bowman Holzer for an HPC Award for her assistance in getting both 639 Humboldt and 686 Bradley donated to the City for renovation, saving these two historic properties from demolition. NeDA is working with Humboldt High School to renovate the brick-veneered Queen Anne at 639 Humboldt.

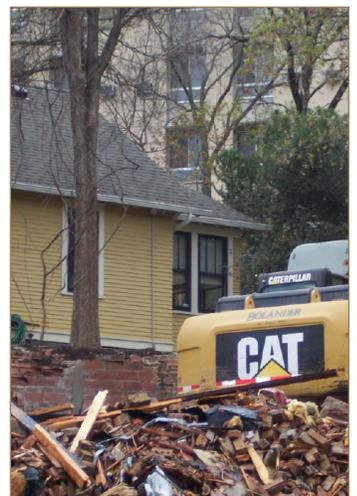
36). In May the City Council adopted recommendations from the joint city/county Food and Nutrition Council.

37). #Bar Related Problems. The Ward 2 office received complaints about two back-to-back shooting incidents in the same June week at Winner's Bar. Several neighbors reported finding lodged bullets in their garages or homes. Thune attended a block club meeting with a couple dozen neighbors and Commander Steve Frazer from the police department. It was discovered that the bar had no entertainment license, so they were ordered to discontinue their DJ music events, and several other conditions were placed on their liquor license. The bar eventually closed and is now, as it was before, for sale.

Then in July, the City Council re-revoked Mazatlan's liquor license for failure to maintain mandated insurance coverage while they were under a stay of imposition for their earlier revocation, awaiting the outcome of their appeal in Ramsey County Court. After the second revocation, they dropped their lawsuit. Since all Ward 2's allowed liquor licenses are already in use, there was considerable interest in this unexpectedly-available license. After the dust settled, only one applicant actually completed the paperwork – El Burrito on the West Side. Congratulations to the Silva family, great long-time restauranteurs and a positive addition to Cesar Chavez Street. Look for margarita night sometime in 2013.

38). Three West Side constituents called Dave about St. Matt's broken hot water heater. Dave Thune intervened with DSI (the license inspection department) to work out a temporary solution to install a small hot water heater right in the kitchen to provide hot water just to the kitchen. Loaves and Fishes is still operating on their normal schedule.

39). Thanks to the efforts of REDA to eliminate a blighted property from the landscape, the once proud Astor Theatre was finally demolished this past Spring. Watch this one minute [jazzy video of the demolition](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HTGyrjMJY) photos taken by West Sider Carol Neumann. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HTGyrjMJY>





40). Dave and Pat took a May field trip to Douglas Park with the director of Parks & Rec to see conditions related to the fence and vegetation growing along the fence. Visual inspection showed that a new fence can't be constructed without cutting down the vegetation. On the way back to City Hall, they stopped to check out street reconstruction on Ohio Street and discovered an old street car track on Winifred.

41). In addition to driving around to quite a number of block clubs on his motorcycle on National Night Out, Dave attended several block clubs that are dealing with particular issues. Over the summer and early fall, Dave worked with a new block club on Humboldt

that had a problem property pop up. The police also participated and their efforts ended up with multiple arrests at the problem house. Dave and Pat both attended meetings of a new Wyoming Street block club in October and November; also with fantastic cooperation from the police department. The Wyoming Street block club is a hidden treasure of young, committed, civically-engaged neighbors that it is wonderful to see moving onto the West Side.

42). Pat met with a group of urban gardeners on the West Side who have started up a local Farmers Market on Saturdays at the Icy Cup (former DQ on corner of George & Stryker). They talked about attracting farmers, marketing the location, and looking at a STAR request for an arbor to shade and shelter the farmers selling their produce that could double as shade for cars parked at the Icy Cup during the week.

43). Russ Spangler from Jerabek's called in June just to stay in touch. Russ said he has noticed all the times Thune stops by Jerabek's for a treat, but didn't want to interrupt because he thought Dave was seeking some personal space. Nah! Dave loves talking to hard-working, independent, neighborhood business owners who have successfully created great 3rd Place spaces like Jerabek's.

44). In July Dave Thune had the honor of participating in the dedication of Plaza de Honor, a Harriet Island memorial to Saint Paul veterans. Dave worked with AmVets Mexican-American Post #5 for many years, even providing a \$30,000 STAR grant, to realize the dream of building this memorial on the West Side.

Mike Medina of AmVets Post #5, as MC, led a group of distinguished speakers, including Councilmember Thune, Minn. National Guard Commander Larry Shellito, as well as Mexican-American veterans of all five branches of the U.S. military.

The dedication kicked off with performances by a troop of traditional Native Mexican dancers. We were particularly intrigued by the 3-year-old drummer. It ended with the flags of all five branches of the military being raised, while bugles played, and the sun set on a perfect summer day on Harriet Island in Saint Paul.



Parks

Plaza de Honor

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Friends of Lilydale Park

Neighborhood STAR

45). On July 18th the City Council approved the 2012 Neighborhood STAR grant and loan recipients. The Number One grant/loan recipient in the entire city was J.W. Hulme Company, receiving a 50/50 grant and loan for interior and exterior improvements to their manufacturing facility on West 7th Street that will allow them to implement a collaborative job training program. If you have never seen their messenger bags or iPad holders, you have to stop by their facility or visit their website at www.jwhulmec.com.

Other Ward 2 STAR grant/loan recipients were: (b) Neighborhood Energy Connection, which received a \$250,000 grant to buy down low and moderate income homeowners loans for energy efficiency improvements in their homes citywide, (c) Merrick on the Move, which received a \$200,000 grant to relocate Merrick Center on Lafayette Road, and (d) Friends of Saint Paul Baseball, which received a \$1.5 million grant to assist in design and construction of the Saint Paul Municipal Ballpark in Lowertown, that among other things will be home to the Saint Paul Saints minor league baseball team.

Altogether, \$2.6 million in grants and another \$1.15 million in loans were awarded by the STAR Board and City Council; leveraged and matched by \$20.2 million in private investments from recipients.

46). For all those neighbors who have signed petitions for a nonconforming use, variance, or conditional use permit for a business or homeowner to build or open something not allowed in the zoning district, some changes were approved. The Planning Commission and City Council flirted with proposals to make it easier to obtain such permits. In Ward 2, the Summit Hill Association, Fort Road Federation, Little Bohemia Association, and District 5 Council all came out in opposition to reducing the percent of neighbor signatures required and allowing staff to decide. After several hearings at the City Council and at least 3 amendments, the following changes were made to zoning law:

- a). staff may approve outdoor non-building changes.
- b). setbacks (vertical or horizontal) cannot be expanded. All expansions must meet setback standards.
- c). staff may expand nonconforming uses thru a building provided no additional units are added.
- d). allowed staff to re-establish duplex, triplex, or 4-plex use that had lapsed for more than one year if proof exists in building permit records that the structure was originally built with that number of units.
- e). Councilmember Kathy Lantry promised to introduce a change to require early notice of (d), allowing neighbors an opportunity to appeal.

47). Thune met with Robin Hickman and Seitu Jones in August to talk about (a) getting Bob Morrissey from Morrissey Hospitality and Jack Becker from Forecast Public Art engaged in the Gordon Parks statue planning, (b) Dave appearing on Almanac with Robin Hickman (Parks' grand-niece), and (c) exploring a site for the statue in Landmark Park. Pat attended Gordon Parks' 100th Birthday celebration in November with special guest Richard Roundtree (Shaft).

Evening with Shaft



Richard Roundtree (Shaft) and Robin Hickman

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What Lies Ahead in 2013

2012 was a very good year. We accomplished much and had fun doing it. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Councilmember this year.

But the work is not done. In the year ahead, we will work on the Minnesota Museum of American Art's new home, finding additional partners for Baker Rec Center, exploring development of the old Riverview Commercial Club site, getting a community garden up and running at Linwood, designating Island Station as an historic site, locating Art Crawl parking, improving the Wabasha streetscape, designing and funding a High Bridge fully adaptive playground for handicapped children, completing the Pedro Park master plan, and finding a location for a Gordon Parks statue. Let's get to work!

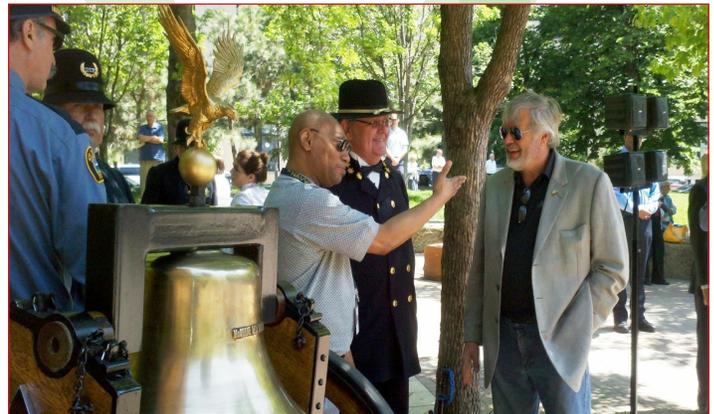


Tom Brock started interning in Dave's office. Tom has worked with the Saint Paul Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Saints Baseball Team in the past, and recently completed a degree program at Concordia University. He will be working on transportation issues for Ward 2 over the next few months, especially streetcars on West 7th Street, traffic calming on Grand Avenue, and parking in Lowertown. Ward 2 has been lucky to get two such talented interns for the lousy pay, like \$0, but we are very grateful.



Dave, his wife Sue and son Dusty Thune at premier

Dave and Sue's son Dusty and his students created a film starring young actors from the Highland Friendship Club. The film, *Pirates of the Mississippi*, held its world premiere at the Highland Park Cinema in August. The Highland Friendship Club was organized to give teens and young adults with disabilities the chance to connect with friends - with and without disabilities - and create a typical social life. A good time was had by all that evening.



Pat and Dave attended the police memorial in Mears Park at which the bell is rung for each police officer killed in the line of duty in Saint Paul's history.

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