

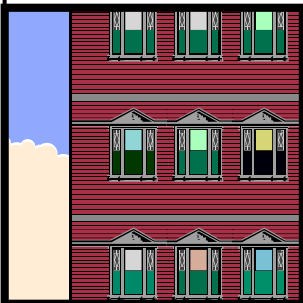
# Skally Herald

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## Property Tax Refund

Included with this newsletter is your 2006 Certificate of Rent Paid voucher. You can use this voucher to apply for a property tax refund. Check the bottom of the voucher to see if you are eligible. For more information on the refund go to <http://www.taxes.mn.us>.



This refund is one of the things that make renting great (along with not having to shovel, do maintenance, or be locked into a 30 year mortgage).

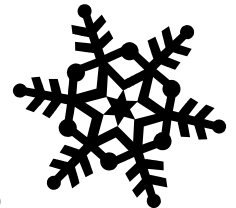
We've also included a flyer for a discount at Skally Tax Service, located on the southwest corner of Grand Ave and Dale St. in Saint Paul. For a reasonable price they can help you complete your income or property tax forms.

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## Saint Paul Winter Carnival

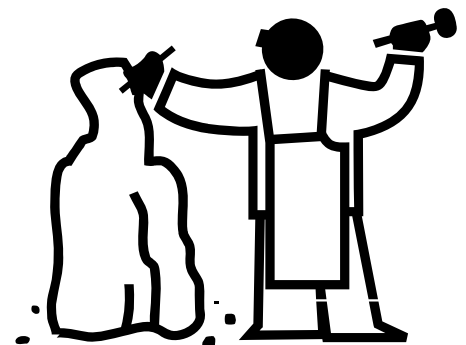
It's that time of year again ... to go out and enjoy the snow! Beautiful Harriet Island Regional Park is located in downtown Saint Paul on the banks of the Mississippi River and will be the central location for all things Carnival. Come to the Island to play on the Snow Slide, get lost in the amazing maze, warm up in the Minnesota Hotdish Tent and take in the ice and snow masterpieces. Go to: <http://www.winter-carnival.com/> for more information.



Get your Winter Carnival button for \$15 at any Cub, Snyders, or SA to get free admission to many of the events and activities throughout the 10 days of the carnival.

Below is a brief list of Winter Carnival events going on from January 24th to February 3rd.

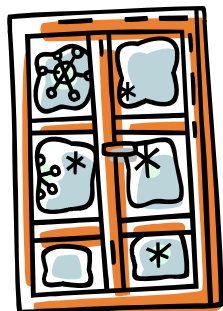
- ◆ Sun Jan 21 - Medallion Treasure Hunt begins. Look for clues in the St.Paul Pioneer Press
- ◆ Wed, Thu, Fri Jan 24-26 - 12:00 pm [Multi-Block Ice Carving Competition](#) Harriet Island
- ◆ Fri, Sat, Sun, Jan 26-28 - 9:00 am [Snow Sculpting Competition](#) Harriet Island
- ◆ Sat Jan 27 - 9:00 am [Securian Frozen 5K and Half Marathon](#) Downtown Saint Paul
- ◆ Sat, Sun, Jan 27-28 - 9:00 am [Minnesota Wild Pond Hockey Championships](#) Lake Phalen
- ◆ Sat Jan 27 - 2:00 pm [Grande Day Parade](#) Downtown Saint Paul
- ◆ Sat Feb 3 - 6:00 pm [Torchlight Parade](#) Downtown Saint Paul



## Keep Warm

Winter is here so we ask that everyone does their part in helping to keep the building warm.

1. Do not prop exterior or hall doors open.



2. Keep your windows and storm windows closed. If it is too hot in your apartment, do not open your window! This causes the entire building to cool down. Please contact us via the website or phone (651-263-4080) and we can adjust your radiators.

## Help Keep Your Neighborhood Clean!

There is one thing that helps make a neighborhood a nice place to live: keeping it clean. We ask that you respect the neighborhood you live in by helping keep it clean. Simple things like taking 10 seconds to pick up a random piece of litter and throwing it in the trash can go a long way. For people with dogs please remember to pick up your dog's poop even on the cold days.



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## Energy Tips: Lighting

Reduce your electric bill by:

- ◆ Using natural light whenever possible.
- ◆ Replace incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) in fixtures that you use for more than four hours a day.
- ◆ Turn off lights when you are not using them.
- ◆ If you plan to redecorate, think about lighter colors. Dark colors absorb light, so you'll use more watts to light the room.
- ◆ Dirty or dusty light bulbs don't put out as much light as clean bulbs. That's because dirt and dust absorb light.
- ◆ If you're going away, you'll probably want to leave some lights on for security reasons. If so, consider buying timers to turn your lights on and off instead of leaving them on 24 hours-a-day. The money you save on lighting could easily pay for the timers.



## Current Availabilities



March or April: 1-bedroom with deck at 657 Grand Ave, 885/month, call Chad (651-283-0706) to see apartment.

*Remember if you refer someone who rents an apartment you will receive \$100 off your next months rent and they receive \$100 off their first months rent.*

We keep a current list of availabilities on our website: <http://management.skallys.com>. If you know someone interested have them call the our office.

## Sink, Toilet, and Tub Drains ...

The building you live in is over 80 years old and cannot handle many items in the sink, tub, and toilet drains. Please make sure to dispose the following items in your **TRASH CAN** not in the toilet, sink, or tub:

- ◆ All food scraps (no matter how small)
- ◆ Grease and cooking oil (wipe with paper towels and throw in trash)
- ◆ Paper towels, kleenex, and other common trash items
- ◆ Tampons (even if they say flushable they should still be thrown in the trash)
- ◆ Cat litter (even if it says flushable)
- ◆ Clumps of hair
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Razor blades (keep small items away from tub/sink drains and the toilet so they don't fall in)

We appreciate your assistance in helping keep the drain pipes unclogged!