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## Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Clean Up on September 11

On Saturday, September 11, 2004 the Dayton's Bluff Annual Neighborhood Clean Up will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Ray Anderson & Sons north of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street at the end of Atlantic. It's time to clean up your yards and homes and get ready for the Clean Up. For detailed information about the Clean Up look at the ad on page 5 of this newspaper

Volunteers are needed to help with the clean up. There will be limited item pick up for Seniors Citizens with no means of transportation. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 to volunteer or for more information.

The cleanup will once again feature a Free Stuff Area so that used items that still have some life left in them can be shared with new owners. All materials in the Free Stuff Area are free and there is no charge to enter this area. Items must be hauled away from the Free Stuff area by noon on cleanup day, so bring your car or truck.

**DO NOT BRING APPLIANCES TO THE CLEAN UP.** On Monday, September 13, 2003 J.R.'s Appliance Disposal will be doing a special curb side appliance pick up in Dayton's Bluff. The cost is \$25.00 for one appliance, plus \$10.00 for each additional appliance and an additional \$10.00 for each air conditioner (\$35.00).

Call J.R.'s by Thursday September 9th and sign up for this special pick up. They will let you know the cost for your appliances. Then have your old appliances on the curb on September 13th. Call Joan at J.R.'s at 454-9215.

## 2004 National Night Out in Dayton's Bluff

National Night Out events in Dayton's Bluff were very successful. The Police and Fire Departments attended all the events. The kids liked the fire engine. The mounted patrol and motorcycle officers were a great hit. Each event reported good conversations occurred and some neighbors met neighbors who they did not know before. Events were held at:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church
- 5<sup>th</sup> Street East between Mounds Blvd and Maria
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- Clarence between Point Douglas and McLean
- Conway between Arcade and Mendota
- Fremont between Atlantic and Johnson Parkway
- Indian Mounds Park
- Margaret between Johnson Pkwy and Atlantic
- Margaret Recreation Center
- Reaney between Forest and Cypress
- Swede Hollow Park,
- Wilson between Mendota and Forest

Entertainment included face painting, the Great Brodini and his Magic Show, pony rides, a barbershop quartet and two bands, Barra and Ramba Eterna. This year there were all kinds of kid's games. People are already talking about next year's events. For more information call Karin at 651-772-2075.



Above: Swede Hollow Park (l to r): Wayne Lundeen, Ed Szalapski, Gail Lundeen and Daryl Johnson. Below: Beech Margaret/654 and Bethlehem Lutheran Church event with the mounted patrol. Photos by Karin DuPaul



## First Lutheran Church gets new pastor starting September 1st



Pastor Christine Berthelsen

First Lutheran Church, on the corner of 8th and Maria, is getting a new pastor. Pastor Chris Berthelsen will begin her tenure at First Lutheran as of September 1, 2004 and will be formally installed later in the fall.

Pastor Chris is married to Mark Berthelsen and they live with their two daughters in Bayport, Minnesota. She received her seminary education at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and most recently served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN. Prior to ordination, she had spent four years at First Lutheran as an Associate in Ministry working with children and youth. She also volunteered at a number of functions, including being the lutefisk chef at many Lutefisk Dinners. We are thrilled to welcome her back again as our pastor!

Her first Sunday preaching will be September 4, 2004, with Rally Day kicking off our new Sunday School season on September 12, 2004. Worship services will be at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. with Education for all ages and plenty of fellowship between services at 9:00 a.m. Come just as you are! All are welcome at First Lutheran Church.



Photo by Nancy Larson

Above: The Great Brodini (magician Graylyn Morris) at the Clarence St. National Night Out event. Below: A happy camper at Bethlehem Lutheran.



Photo by Toni Thomas



## Payne Ave./East Side International Harvest Festival Sept. 15 - 19

The 2004 East Side International Harvest Festival will be held September 15 - 19. Events throughout the fun-packed weekend will be held on Payne Avenue and surrounding streets in St. Paul.

Highlights of the four-day festival include:

### Thursday, Sept 16

Grand Parade on Payne Avenue, 7 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 17

Royalty Coronation at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept 18

FREE Children's Events including moon walk, face painting, carnival games, art mobile and drawings for various prizes, 11 a.m.-3 p.m..

Antique Car Show on Case Avenue, 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

Motorcycle Show on Case Avenue and Schwietz Saloon, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Various entertainment on 2 stages including Hank Thanander, 11 a.m.

Food vendors and crafters, along Payne Avenue all day long

### Sunday, Sept. 19

Mexican Independence Day at Plaza Latina (925 Payne Ave.) and surrounding streets, Includes musical entertainment, food vendors, crafters, and much more.

## Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike

Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike meets on the first Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Blvd. Join us on **September 4** for the next hike.

We hike from Mounds Park through Swede Hollow Park and then walk the length of the Bruce Vento Recreational Trail to its end, near Phalen Park.

The hike is about 6 miles with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available near Johnson Parkway and Maryland to return to Mounds Park or you may hike back if you wish.

Join recreational trail supporters and explore this recreational trail. The paved trail runs from East 7th Street and Payne Avenue through Swede Hollow to Phalen Park. Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike started in December of 1990 and over the years hundreds of people have attended these events.

For more info, call 776-0550.

## More National Night Out fun in Dayton's Bluff

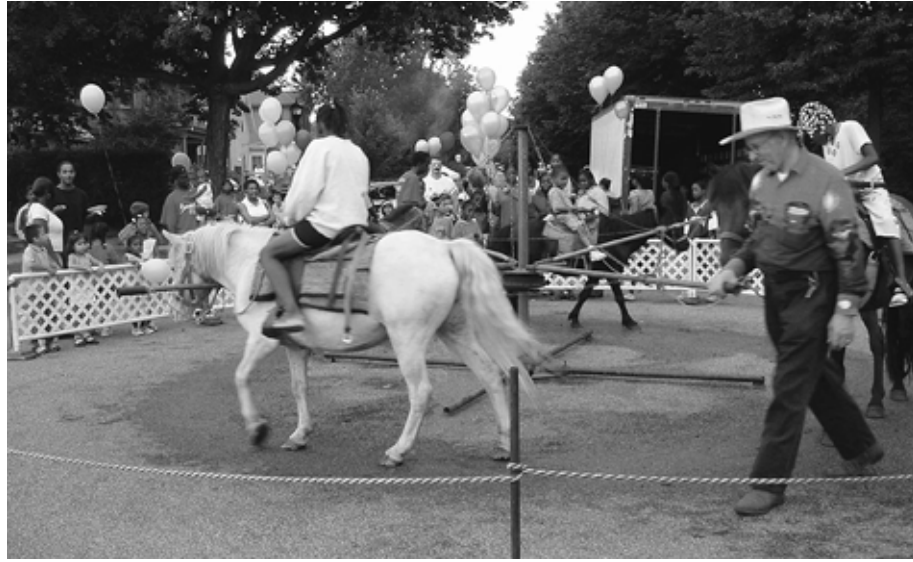


Photo by Karin DuPaul

Free pony rides at the 5th St. event, which was sponsored by the Swede Hollow Democratic Club and American Pride Home Services.



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Bethlehem Lutheran Pastor Bob Krueger checks out some motorcycles.



Photo by Nancy Larson

On Clarence St. it's obvious that boys of all ages like motorcycles.

## Next Grocery Give-Away is September 18

A Grocery Give-Away will take place on **Saturday, September 18** from 10:30 to noon at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, Euclid and Earl. Free produce, dry goods and bread items will be given to anyone who can use them. No registration or sign-up necessary. Sponsored by United Methodist churches on the East Side.

## Start your own business

Have you ever wanted to start your own business? Or, have you started one and are realizing that you need more education to make it successful? If so, sign up for the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Entrepreneur Training and Support Program. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The next class will start in September.

Class training lasts approximately 16 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one to one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some of the businesses that people who took the course have started include graphics, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, and exterior and interior painting. The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding fee scale. The next session will start in September and class size is limited. Please call Karin at 772-2075 for an application.

## Attention all crafters and bakers

Mark your calendars! HealthEast Care Center & Residence - Marian of Saint Paul is getting ready for the annual Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale on Friday, November 19, 2004. We are looking for individuals and vendors to display and sell their handmade items from all over the community. Last year was our biggest year ever! All tables are reserved at only \$20 each, so you don't want to miss out.

Marian of Saint Paul is located at 200 Earl Street, across from Indian Mounds Park.

To make reservations or get more information, call Robert Johnstone or Jodi Auger at (651) 771-2914.

*School is back in session.  
Drive carefully around  
school buses*

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## Church Directory

### First Lutheran Church

463 Maria Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55106  
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Located one block north of  
Metropolitan State University

### Sunday Services:

8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. Christian Education  
for children and adults  
9:45 a.m. Fellowship  
**All are welcome!**



**To place your church in  
the Forum directory,  
call 651 772-2253**



**GREGORY W. LE MAY**  
FOR  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**



Born in 1964, I am a 5th generation Minnesotan. I am a great, great Grandchild to one of the first settlers (Telesphore & Vitaline Le May) here in the Mendota/Eagan area. (In 1852, the land bordering Le May Lake.) I am 2nd to the youngest of 9 children. (6 boys and 3 girls, son of William A. & Joyce D. Le May) I am the father of 1 handsome & 2 beautiful, healthy, intelligent children. (So I've been told.) I have lived in the city of St. Paul and have been active within our schools, community and political system for nearly a decade. I am a business owner specializing in the marketing of other businesses, products and services.

[www.citizensforlemay.org](http://www.citizensforlemay.org)

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**Next Kinetic Kitchen dance performance at the Mounds Theatre on Saturday Sept. 4th**

Don't miss the next Kinetic Kitchen performance at the Mounds Theatre on Saturday **September 4th** at 8 p.m. This exciting performance will have something for everyone. There will be a variety of dance styles presented, offering a mix of ballet, contemporary, modern dance, improvisation and live action artists.

Choreographers Matthew Keefe and Benjamin Johnson, members of the James Sewell Ballet company, will present several new dances including "Inside", "No, this way", "Fate Weighs", and "Irving, Sambob, and Murray".

**Irruption: Dance and Music Collaboration** will present a new piece featuring music by Jane Anfinson on violin/vocals and dance by David Wick and guests. This new work will build on an improvisation performed last January atop the ruins of Phnom Bakheng temple in Cambodia.

The Christopher Watson Dance Company (CWDC) will present excerpts from a new work titled "Soft Landing". These excerpts were developed during a week-long CWDC teaching residency last month at Camp Unistar, located on Star Island in Cass Lake, MN. "Soft Landing" was inspired by Christopher's travels to

visit with a friend in Australia earlier this year. The dance will continue to develop during a two-week CWDC residency in Larret, France later this month. The premiere of the finished work is scheduled for February 5 and 6, 2005 at the Lakeville Center for the Arts.

Noah Bremer, Vanessa Voskuil, Galen Treuer and Megan Odell's Live Action Set is presenting an encore presentation of "Before Dark", which debuted at the Minnesota Fringe Festival. Prolific Russian director Sascha Undine creates a world where stories are told through movement and music, using an all-star cast of multi-disciplinary performers. Calling themselves Live Action Artists, the players strip away the labels and boundaries of 'actor,' 'dancer,' 'clown,' or 'dadaist.' In so doing, they have created a compelling character-driven work integrating music, humor, and socio-political viewpoints.

The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road. Tickets for this one night only performance are \$10 a person. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the theatre at 651-772-2253. For more info, please visit [www.leavehome.com/kinetic](http://www.leavehome.com/kinetic) or [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org)

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church celebrates 90 years of ministry on the East Side**

Special worship services and presentations are scheduled at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church for October 3, 2004. Worship services gather at 8:00 am and 10:45 am; historical presentations will be on display at 9:30 am. Our Guest preacher will be Rev. Max Schaeffer, former pastor of Our Saviour's and former Missions Executive for the Minnesota South District.

On November 8, 1913, the "Dayton Bluff's English Lutheran Mission," held its first worship service in a rented storefront on 7th Street. This pioneering ministry on the East Side, inspired Worship, excited Discipleship, and offered Hospitality to the English speaking Lutheran community for the first time. The same innovative, mission-minded Spirit continues to inspire Our Saviour's ministry today.

Our overarching theme for this anniversary year will be "Making a Difference Since 1913," emphasizing the impact that Our Saviour's distinctive Christ-centered ministry continues to bring to people in our community.

**Dayton's Bluff Community Council board members needed for election**

Interested in running for a seat on the Dayton's Bluff Community Council? The Dayton's Bluff Community council is looking for people to serve on our board of directors. This is an opportunity to work on neighborhood issues and events that will improve the quality of life in our community. The deadline for filing for the board is **September 20, 2004** and the election will be held on **October 18, 2004**. For more information call 651-772-2075.

**Minnesota State Horticultural Society garden contest**

Is there a beautiful garden bed in your neighborhood that always lifts your spirits when you walk or drive by? You can nominate the gardeners who have made outstanding contributions to greening efforts in public gardens or community projects. Individuals, projects and activities of neighborhood groups, garden clubs and communities that have contributed to rejuvenating communities and have brightened our world through plants will be honored by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

Individual Awards categories include Youth and Educator Awards, Greening Awards include: excellence in community gardening, contributing to community livability and community beautification projects. For more information or to receive a nomination form, call (651) 643-3601, 1-800-676-6747, ext 211, or click on Programs at [www.northerngardener.org](http://www.northerngardener.org) for a printable form with instructions. Capture the beauty of the gardens now with digital photos, and send the completed entries in by Saturday November 1, 2004. The State Awards & Recognition event is scheduled for February 5, 2005 at the Center for Northern Gardeners, 1755 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights, MN 55113.

*Autumn begins on September 22*

**Volunteer at the Marian Center**

- 1:1 Visits
- Reading Stories
- Gift Shop Clerks
- Receptionist Assistant – help at the receptionist desk during the employee break times
- Dining Room Assistants
- Chapel Service Escorts
- Physical Therapy Escorts
- Recreation Programs Assistants
- Arts & Crafts Leaders/Assistants
- Bird Feeding and Cleaning Assistants
- Outings Assistants
- Men's Discussion Group Leader
- ... And much more!

Volunteering can be very rewarding and open opportunities to you that you never dreamed of. If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers, please contact Robert Johnstone, Volunteer Services Coordinator at (651) 793-2116.

Advertise in the Dayton's Bluff District Forum. Call (651) 772-2075

Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup Saturday Sept. 11 9 a.m. to noon. See details on page 5.

**Parents with Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers!**

**It's time to register for Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) fall classes... Wednesday, September 8 10 AM to Noon and 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM at your neighborhood ECFE site.**

- Eastside ECFE at 1526 E. Sixth St. 293-5341
- Dayton's Bluff ECFE at 262 Bates Ave. 293-5343
- Johnson ECFE at 740 York Ave. 793-7354
- Payne -Phalen ECFE at 1201 Payne Ave. 293-5990



- ECFE offers:
- Information, support and friendship with other parents.
  - Programs led by experienced, knowledgeable staff.
  - Classes, field trips, and special events for the entire family.

Find a 2004-05 Early Childhood Family Education class catalog at your Saint Paul branch library or on the website:

[www.spps.org/ecfe](http://www.spps.org/ecfe)



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# A Short History of Dayton's Bluff *By Steve Trimble*

## Chapter 2: American Explorations

The outcome of a war fought thousands of miles away launched a new era in the history of Dayton's Bluff. When the colonies finally gained their independence from England in 1783, the new nation claimed control over all the land east of the Mississippi River, included what would become our neighborhood. In 1787 the area was officially brought into the United States with the passage of the Northwest Ordinance.

It was one of the landmark decisions made by the Articles of Confederation, the national government before the Constitution was ratified. It said, among other things, that the territory would be free of slavery, and that the land would eventually be divided into states that would have an equal footing with the original thirteen.

Little was known about the area, so after a few years people were sent west to explore. The first was the 1806 expedition led by a man named Zebulon Pike. In addition to being an exploration, it was a military mission. He was directed to find a location for an American fort to deal with the Indian population and to protect the fledgling American fur trade from any remaining English influence.



Zebulon Pike MN Historical Society

Pike ended up buying rights for two different locations from the local Dakota. He spent some time in what would become Dayton's Bluff, at least on the banks of the river. He had read about Carver's Cave, and his journals reveal that he did spend time looking for the famed landmark. However, he never got to go inside. Pike reported that falling limestone debris had blocked the entrance of what appeared to be the cave and entrance was impossible.

The competition over the fur trade was one of the reasons the United States fought the War of 1812 with Great Britain. And residents of what would someday be Dayton's Bluff were involved in the conflict. But not on the American side. A group of Dakota from Kaposia fought on the western frontier on the side of the British.

In the summer of 1817 another military visitor arrived in what would someday be the St. Paul area. Major Stephen Long was sent to the Upper Mississippi area to further examine the military sites that Pike had acquired.



A permanent house in a Dakota Village. Minnesota Historical Society

"Passed a Sioux village on our right containing fourteen cabins," Long wrote. "The name of the chief is Petit Corbeau or Little Raven." According to him, the Dakota were gone from Kaposia on a hunting expedition along the St. Croix River.

"One of their cabins is furnished with loopholes, and is situated so near the water that the opposite side of the river is within musket-shot range from the building." Long continued, "The cabins are kind of a stockade buildings, and of a better appearance than any Indian dwellings I have met with before..."

After Long's return, the government decided to build a military fortress on the site that contains today's Fort Snelling. In 1819, Colonel Henry Leavenworth was sent to do the job. One member of the party, a Major Thomas Forsyth, left his impressions of Kaposia. He wrote that the village was in a place called the Grand Marais "within five leagues of the mouth of the St. Peter's River," known today as the Minnesota River.

"Here I found the Little Crow, a steady, generous and independent Indian." According to Forsyth, "he had been looking each year, since the sale, for the troops to build a fort, and was happy to see us all.... I gave him a better present than to any other village below, as he lived immediately in the vicinity of the troops."

Another member of expedition was Henry Schoolcraft, who would later travel all the way to the source of the Mississippi River. He also wrote of a meeting with the man he called "Le Petit Corbeau"—Little Crow in English—as he came upriver to Kaposia. Schoolcraft described the village, which he said, "was situated upon the river a short way below the cave in question," by which he meant Carver's Cave.

Schoolcraft provided one of the most thorough descriptions of the area. "The common intersection of the roads of communication between these villages was precisely on the spot of the cave described by Carver," he continued. "The low grounds and the marshes near the site where the maple sugar and the wild rice were in abundance. It was upon this flat where the inhabitants met in the spring to make sugar, and in the autumn for the wild rice harvest."

Visitors were very interested in the Dakota manner of burial. Schoolcraft

was no exception. He wrote a lengthy description that includes information on Carver's cave and what is probably today's Indian Mounds Park: "... It is known also that these nations place their graves in places most obtrusive, and exposed to the veneration of their people, and at the same time these graves must be so near the families, that they can watch over their preservation, and continued their attentions to the dead; such as to make offerings to them; to give them something to eat; to smoke and talk to them from time to time. Under these considerations, no place could better meet the sentiments of the Mendewakantons [his spelling] than that of the plateau, or level, or flat above the cave.... Therefore, it was there that the three villages carried thither their dead, placing them upon scaffolds constructed at an elevation out of reach of the wolves, and of profanation from animals. But they never placed their dead in the cave which was merely a place for the sports of their children."

In 1823 Stephen Long made a second trip to the Dayton's Bluff area, this one to find the source of the Minnesota River. William Keating, one of his companions, documented some of the travels. After stopping at Red Rock further down the river in today's Cottage Grove, the group went to visit the Indian Mounds above Carver's Cave.

They "landed at a short distance above, to visit the cemetery of an Indian village, then in sight. The cemetery is on the banks of the river, but elevated above the water's level; it exhibits scaffolds, supporting coffins of the rudest form; sometimes a trunk, at other times a blanket or a roll of bark, conceal the body of the deceased."

Keating continued: "There were also several graves, in which are probably deposited the bones, after all the softer parts have been resolved into their elements by long exposure to the atmosphere."

The following description seems to confirm that while Kaposia remained in the general area of Dayton's Bluff, it did move about. He puts it near where Phalen Creek once fed into the Mississippi. "An Indian village, consisting of ten or twelve huts, situated at a turn on the river, about ten miles below St. Peters," he said. "The village is generally known by the

name of Petit Corbeau or Little Raven... As the village was abandoned for the season we proceeded without stopping."

"The houses that we saw here were differently constructed from those we have previously observed." Keating observed. "They are formed by upright flattened posts, implanted in the ground, without any interval, except here and there some small loopholes for defense; these posts support the roof, which presents a surface of bark. Before and behind each there is a scaffold, used for the purpose of drying maize, pumpkins, etc."

But Europeans were not the only people to record some of the early events in an around Dayton's Bluff. As an elder Dakota, William Columbus shared some reminiscences with a newspaper. He had been born at Kaposia in 1811 and his Indian name was Tu-ka-ha-na-minne (Walks Under a Stone). He remembered that as an eight-year-old boy he saw the soldiers under Col. Leveanworth come to build Ft. Snelling. They were pulling boats filled with supplies and the Indians came down to greet them.



A Dakota father and son. MHS

Columbus often went into Carver's Cave but never completely explored it. He remembered Pierre Parrant and said that he sold whiskey at many different spots and that the last was just around the point of Dayton's Bluff, immediately below the sandstone bluffs.

He remembered the areas hills and swamps and occasional small lake that provided a good food source. There were berries about all the lakes and swamps. According to him the relations with the early settlers were very good and they never had any trouble. They raised corn and vegetables. Every autumn he went back to visit the old haunts.

The reminiscences contradict a commonly held notion that Native Americans were frightened by modern technology. Columbus remembered the first steamboat that arrived in the 1820s and caused great excitement in Kaposia. "Some of them thought it was one thing, some another, although no one was really afraid of it, for by that time we had learned that the whites had many things we did not understand but which did us no harm."



# When duty calls --- but can't be heard over the airplane noise

By Mary Petrie

A few months ago, fellow East Siders and I trekked up the Capitol steps to testify during legislative hearings on the proposed dike around Holman Field.

Also sitting in—and speaking up—at those meetings were representatives from environmental groups and The West Side Citizen's Organization. Our small band believed that the proposed dike would be detrimental to the river's ecology, and that we needed opportunities for less, rather than more, airplane roar and helicopter clatter.

Mostly, those who opposed us — including Mayor Kelly — were not only congenial, they were downright friendly and respectful. Working the room like a pro, Mayor Kelly shook hands, slapped backs, and chatted with the people he knew were here to disagree with him; he pinched the chubby cheek of the only baby in the room (mine!). After all, that's how the system works: we're allowed to disagree without being disagreeable. In part, dissent and discussion define democracy.

Things chugged along predictably until a youngish man from the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) was doing his bit at the microphone. He framed his remarks with a comment on the intention and intelligence of the citizenry who lived near the airport. I'm paraphrasing pretty close to the letter: he described us as the type of people who build houses at the end of the runway and then call up the airport to complain about the noise. We were unreasonable, nearly silly. Our guy from MAC painted a picture of people with limited intelligence and unrealistic expectations. He spoke with passion and at some length

on this point. He didn't move a single inch in the direction of congeniality or respect.

I tried to chalk up his poor performance to youth and inexperience. Next, I worried for his career prospects — maybe his job was next on the chopping block, so he thought he'd win big in St. Paul and do better? Perhaps it was a dietary disturbance — that caramel roll and double espresso on top of the morning cup of coffee or yesterday's bratwurst, still churning? Or, my cynical self whispered into her own little ear, maybe he's honest enough to verbalize what everybody else believes, despite the handshaking and happy talk.

Being a better sport — and a little richer in the age department — than our disparaging Mr. MAC, I decided to squash that cynical self and ruminate on the oh-so-tiny germ of truth in his comments. Okay, we bought a house near an airport. We knew about the airport and we knew our fair share of people in Minneapolis who cut their losses and fled when it became clear that those jets were *not* going to stop flying over their bedrooms.

Without questions, urban life has its costs and distinct pollutants. In Mounds Park, we get noise (airport and freeway) and sewage smell. When we lived on the West Side, my main urban complaint was visual: lots of stacked trash and junked cars parked permanently on what pretended to be somebody's front lawn. Once in awhile, conversations turned into screaming matches because of music thundering from the slow-rolling cars outside, the kind of music that you feel through your feet. The other day, I was visiting the gentry of Crocus Hill and was shocked to discover that at certain addresses, one hears the cars on 35E!

Friends at a different address, right off Grand, complain of the constant foot traffic and the spillover of nightlife. I remember living in Uptown, lo those many years ago, and unable to *find* my car during their annual art fair, much less drive the thing down the packed city street.

We pay a price for the riches, convenience, and the frequently unforeseen beauty of the city. Despite what the man from MAC said, most of us are well aware of the perils of sound, smell and sight that await us. We signed on for an urban existence, with all its light and noise and chaos.

What the MAC representative forgot, is that citizens also sign on for certain responsibilities; those of us who showed up at that hearing were taking our duties seriously. We monitor airplane rumble and sewage smell not just because we're inconvenienced or annoyed, but because it is our civic duty to sustain—even improve—our neighborhoods and city. It's our responsibility to tell the people we pay to run our city's infrastructure when the noise, smell, or unsightly mess has grown out of its place as ordinary pollutant and become a nuisance. There is a difference between the hum (and even the occasional interruptive roar) of airplanes and copters, and the pilot who flies so low that the great-grandma's good china rattles—sometimes at 4 a.m.

Currently, Mounds Park neighbors are mobilizing forces to assess the problem of airport noise, and to eventually map out potential solutions. At our last Mounds Park Neighborhood Association meeting, we proposed that folks at MAC and Holman Field follow in the footsteps of Tim O'Donnell of The Met Council and David Quast of The Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant. After

listening seriously to Mounds Park residents' complaints about sewage smell wafting onto our streets (and even into our houses), O'Donnell and Quast meticulously: tracked and quantified our concerns; located the source of the problem; and worked with that source (a local industry) to completely overhaul the system and machinery that produces their waste.

The Mounds Park Neighborhood Association continues to work with the Met Council and Wastewater Facility to track and tone down the odors. We have a way to go: although much improved, the problem isn't solved. However, the path ahead of us appears friendly, respectful, and clear — thanks to the people involved. Nobody even had to slap a back, shake a hand or plant a smooch on a baby's cheek. All that was required was thoughtful listening, respect for neighborhood concerns, and the integrity to respond appropriately.

As for me, that cynical side of myself has been ordered to behave as we move ahead and work with the folks at Holman Field and MAC. Instead, I'm setting optimism out, full force, and here's what my crystal ball reveals: civic duty will prevail on all sides and issues of airport noise will be fielded as neatly (and respectfully) as those of sewage smell. Check out this column in a couple of months and see if I've predicted correctly. *Mary Petrie is a Mounds Park neighborhood resident who will be writing about life in the neighborhood and ways to improve the quality of family life.*

*Register to Vote  
and then VOTE!*



## Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, September 11, 2004

9:00 a.m. to noon

Ray Anderson & Sons

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This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff residents only.

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New  
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This  
Year



### Costs

**Entrance:** \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck. **No dump trucks.**

**Extra Fees:** \$15 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat.

\$3 fee car tire, \$8 per truck tire, plus \$2 if on rim.

\$10 to \$25 per TV, \$10 VCR or computer monitor or CPU, etc.

\$5 other small electronics.

*All guidelines will be strictly adhered to and we reserve the right to turn away any person or vehicle. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to refuse any item or close the site early if costs exceed budget.*

### What to bring

A proof of Dayton's Bluff residency in the form of a driver's license or utility bill is required to gain entry. Be prepared to unload your own materials. Assistance is not available at the cleanup site. Materials will be sorted at the site into different dumpsters to maximize recycling.

**In order to simplify unloading, vehicles should be loaded up in the following manner:**

**On the bottom of the load:** concrete, bricks, rocks, construction debris, brush

**In the middle of the load:** bikes and scrap metals, mattresses/box springs, broken furniture and other trash

**On the top of the load:** reusable household items, electronics: TVs, VCRs, computers, etc., Tires

### What not to bring

**Not all materials are accepted at the cleanup.**

For more information about how to recycle or dispose of these or other items, call 651-222-SORT (7678). TTY for the hearing impaired: 651-221-9832.

**No Rail Road ties or Chemically treated wood:**

**No Appliances:** Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 9, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 13. Cost \$25/1st appliance, \$10/each additional appliance (there is an \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers and water heaters.

**No Car Batteries:** Bring car batteries to a store that sells them. All stores and services stations that sell car batteries are required by law to accept up to five batteries per person for free.

**No Paint, Pesticides, Motor Oil or other Hazardous Wastes, including Fluorescent Bulbs:** Free disposal at Ramsey County household hazardous waste drop-off site: Bay West, 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, open Wednesday-Friday 11-6 and Saturday 9-4 (April-October) and Saturday 9-4 only (November-March)

**No Leaves, Grass or Brush:** Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11-7, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-5.

**No Curbside Recycling Materials:** Dayton's Bluff District 4 curbside recycling is picked up every other Tuesday. Your next recycling days are September 8 and 21.



### Free Stuff at the Cleanup

The cleanup will once again feature a Reuse Area so that used items that still have some life left in them can be shared with new owners. Good stuff like dishes, furniture, building materials, cabinets, lawnmowers, bikes, toys and other items in good condition will be set aside in the Reuse Area for anyone to take home. All materials in the Reuse Area are free and there is no charge to enter this area. *Items must be hauled away from the Free Stuff area by noon on cleanup day, so bring your car or truck.*

### Volunteers are Needed

Help neighbors clean up the neighborhood. All skill levels are needed. Work four hours and get free entry for one load of material. A free lunch will be provided. Call 651-772-2075 if you would like to help.

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### Sponsors and Rules

The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of Saint Paul.

The above guidelines will be strictly adhered to. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to turn away any person or vehicle, to refuse any item or to close the site early if dumpsters are filled or costs exceed budget.

**For more information call the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.**



## The Clothes Line – *Synthetic blues*

By Sarah Ryan

Newman's Basement, the "Store of Friendly Service," advertised a "Bolero suit for big and little sister" in the St. Paul Pioneer Press on the morning of Saturday February 10, 1951. That day, many of the people who lived in this neighborhood and surrounding areas were in shock and mourning.

Above the advertisement's sketch of a young girl wearing a "skipper blue rayon gabardine" ensemble with anklets and white Mary Jane shoes, the newspaper ran the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company's account of the blast that had killed 11 workers and injured 48 others at its plant near Mendota and 7th Streets the Thursday before. Building 12, which supplied sanding belts for the automotive and machine tool industries, was gutted. Nearby administrative offices and production areas that packed out finished goods like "Scotch Tape" sustained major damage. This was the worst but not the first conflagration at the tape plant. A fire near the same location destroyed a third of the East Side plant in 1927. Safety conditions at 3M plants have improved since then, but the manufacture of synthetic fibers, fabrics, and films remains inherently dangerous.

When 3M began supplying uniforms to its production workers in the late 1980s, double-knit polyester was its first choice of shirt fabric for workers in buildings that can reach over 100 degrees. Around that time, in a building where polyesters used in tape products are made, a chemical reaction that one blue-collar worker was tending got out of control. The explosion blew off parts of his shirt. Other parts melted to his skin. Fortunately, the man survived and recovered, but more than ten years later, a piece of his polyester shirt remains stuck to the ceiling.

Polyester shirts, Newman's "whirly skirt of sunburst pleats," sandpapers and cellophane tapes, and the array of synthetic products available today are all possible because of a series of developments in chemistry and technology that introduced light bulb filament, photographic film, and dynamite to world markets in the late 1800s. During those years, scientific research in the paper, textile, and chemical industries led to the development of chemical processes that could transform cellulose, the substance that forms the cell walls of woody plant parts, into sticky liquids from which fibers can be drawn and films can be extruded.

Rayon, or "artificial silk," was the first synthetic fiber. It had the strength and sheen of real silk fiber harvested from China's native silkworm cocoons and could supply textile manufacturers with an alternative raw material. Although rayon production was banned after initial attempts to manufacture it under the original patent resulted in explosions at factories in France, Belgium, and



**Operations at Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M), St. Paul, 1960. Minnesota Historical Society photo.**

Hungary in the years around 1900, continued research led to a process that could supply bolts of fabric that wouldn't explode when exposed to heat and clothing that wouldn't melt when ironed. By the 1920s, "King Cotton" and the luxurious threads that made their way to Western markets by way of the Silk Road were beginning to face competition from rayon. Lingerie made by the big British textile maker Courtauld's Ltd. and "cleanable" shirt collars made by the up-coming American chemical giant Du Pont were among the many early applications of synthetic fiber technology.

In 1802, a century before the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company was founded, the Du Pont Company built its first plant in New Jersey to supply the gunpowder needs of a troubled and expanding nation. Because viscose rayon and explosives could be made from the same raw materials, Du Pont was on its way to becoming a leading world supplier of textiles when it launched the 'Fibersilk' company in 1921.

Safety rules on the grounds of the old powder plant, where nylon and polyester were first developed, prohibited the workforce of a few French scientists and 140 Irish laborers from carrying matches or using tools made of sparking metals. Shirt buttons and shoe nails had to be made of wood; so did horse shoes. Growing demands for rayon automobile upholstery, tire cord, sanding belts, garments, and other synthetic products encouraged further research.

The American Viscose Corporation, a Courtauld's subsidiary and once the world's biggest rayon manufacturer, built a plant in 1937 near the Virginia banks of the Shenandoah River. Under the name of Avtex, the plant closed in 1989 and was designated a Super Fund site (a federally-administrated toxic waste clean-up site) by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As textile and chemical manufacturers continue to seek out cheaper, non-union labor in locations with weaker environmental regulations, I think about that remnant of polyester shirt on the ceiling, and about little sister in her pleated skirt...Don't forget: In a pinch, tape works great for fixing a hem. Sarah Ryan can be reached by e-mail at [sr@lakecast.com](mailto:sr@lakecast.com) or send mail to the Dayton's Bluff District Forum office, 798 E. 7th Street, 55106

## Margo Bock - freelance artist and commercial illustrator

By J. Wittenberg

I've been wandering through a desert for many long days and nights, and hither, I find some shelter and may again regain my bearings.

I attended, not so long ago, a sort of musical festival, whereby women singers of folk and bluegrass echoed through the lush green pines in a northern land where love and peace were everywhere. It was perfect, and the people watching, sublime. It almost seems a dream.

As far as the wandering, I am whole, as far as I can tell, though perhaps not the same person I used to be.

A dozen moons or so ago, I had done an interview with a Dayton's Bluff illustrator named Margo Bock, and had my notes whereat I was to compose an article for your loyal reading enjoyment. Alas, the vortex has swallowed my parchment, and I have nothing to show. Truly, I sought, but all I could find in the barn was my ox cart and empty crib, whither corn used to be. Beneath the cobwebs of a life, I found only spiders, and above, only nests of angry bees. And thus I must lean upon the well-developed arm of memory (and the Internet).

Ms. Bock graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in illustration from Moorhead State University. Since her graduation over ten years ago, she has been both a freelance artist and an in-house illustrator for a giftware company. Presently, she is freelancing full-time from her home in Dayton's Bluff.

In addition to various giftware illustrations that have been in production and on the market from several companies, Margo has illustrated three published books. They are: "The Heart of Christmas" published by Northwestern Products, Inc., "Top Fin" published by Perfection Learning Corp., and "The Long Journey to Freedom" published by Perfection Learning Corp.

I recall Ms. Bock had a portfolio, as such professionals do, holding artwork from children's books, and advertisements she had illustrated, designed and overseen. She displayed photographs of walls she had embellished with great imagination and fancy, book covers resplendent with garden flowers, lovable animals, teddy bears and balloons.

As I sat with Ms. Bock in her very modern kitchen, I was impressed that she was making a living from her talents, no small feat in this ever growing, corporate and computerized world.

I take my hat off to her, and recommend her services to all businesses and individuals who are looking for a quality illustrator. She is diligent in her work ethic, and highly esteemed to all the clients, with whom she has done business.

If you'd like to view her handiwork, visit <http://www.mnartists.org/work.do?action=list&rid=8353>. You can contact her via email at [margoebock@msn.com](mailto:margoebock@msn.com) or by phone at 651-771-3764.

A closing note: at a recent informal international gathering of sorts in Mounds Park, (to which I was invited by my ever growing community fellowship) I was told by an esteemed member of the neighborhood, that she thought our paper did not celebrate enough artists, poets, writers, sculptors, dancers, and musicians of color.

I assured her, that she has missed many copies of our *Forum*, that our fine paper has unstintingly featured artisans from all walks of life, and from varying cultures. And so let me remind the community to contact the Forum at 651-772-2075 if you are interested in being put on an Artist list. Do you have something special to offer our sparkling community? Then by all means do not be shy, share your heart's work with the world.

### Letter to the editor

#### Do you know where your money goes?

A few days ago I was returning to Dayton's Bluff and left the freeway on the 6<sup>th</sup> street exit. When I came up the ramp, I saw a man holding a sign that said something like "will work for food...homeless veteran...God Bless." The driver of a car in front of me shifted over to the passenger side and handed out a dollar bill—maybe a five spot for all I know.

A couple of hours later I was driving back along Mounds Boulevard and I saw two people sitting on the front lawn of Metropolitan State taking turns lifting a brown paper bag to their mouths. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that it was a bottle of some kind of alcohol. And, you guessed it. One of them was the man who had been holding the sign saying he would work for food.

I know people have a right to do what they want with their money, but sometimes I wonder what they are thinking when they hand it over to people holding cardboard signs.

G. B. LeRoy

### Volunteer Desktop Publisher Opportunity

Are you looking for a "behind the scenes" opportunity that will have a positive impact on others? Do you enjoy research, writing and the creative expression involved in developing the graphic layout of newsletters, brochures, or other printed materials? If so, contact Ramsey County Community Human Services-Volunteer Services at 651-266-4090 for additional information or e-mail to [volunteerservices@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:volunteerservices@co.ramsey.mn.us)



## Community Leadership Institute

*Everything's up to date in Kansas City*



Six of the Dayton's Bluff residents who attended the NeighborWorks Community Leadership Institute in Kansas City. Standing (l to r): Charlie Golden-Black, Carrie Dimmick and Carla Riehle. Seated (l to r): Judy Simmons, Karin DuPaul and Kamy Ide

By Carrie Dimmick

On July 15<sup>th</sup> thru July 19<sup>th</sup> we were invited by Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services to go to Kansas City, Missouri, all expenses paid, to participate in the NeighborWorks Community Leadership Institute. We had a choice of seminars and tours to choose from. We stayed at the Marriott Hotel Downtown and had catered food (and a lot of it) for most of our meals. Everything was just beautiful, and the classes and tours focused on ideas to bring home to our own neighborhoods. It was so inspirational, and we met a lot of compadres with similar issues.

The group from Dayton's Bluff area that went consisted of: Paul Broderson and Jim Erchul from the Neighborhood Housing Services; Karin DuPaul, Carrie Dimmick, and Carla Riehle from the Dayton's Bluff Community Council; and Kamy Ide, Judy Simmons, Marge Mudek, and Charlie Golden-Black from the Dayton's Bluff area.

On top of everything else, we were allotted \$1500 dollars by NeighborWorks, the group that set up the conference, to use for a special project in our neighborhood. We rallied together and came up with two things to do.

## Fund established for Dayton's Bluff Library to honor Bruce Vento and Paul Wellstone

The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library are proud to announce the creation of a new fund established by Susan Vento, for the Dayton's Bluff Branch Library in Saint Paul. Created with a gift of \$10,000, income from the new, permanent endowment will fund the purchase of materials for new Americans at the branch library.

Susan Vento, a member of the board of The Friends since 2002, established the fund to honor the memory of her late husband, U.S. Representative Bruce Vento, and U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone. Additional gifts to the new endowment at The Friends are encouraged from community members.

In presenting the gift, Susan Vento commented, "The public library is a unique institution where new Americans have access to free services to help them learn, grow and adapt. In memory of my late husband Bruce, and Paul Wellstone, who were both

Number one is long-range project and number two will be done in the near future.

Project #1: To develop a directory of where to find the nearest goods and services, and what are the requirements for living here. For example, where is the nearest grocery store? Or did you know that your trash should be picked up weekly or that your lawn and yard should be kept up and mowed on a regular basis?

Project #2: We are putting together a refrigerator magnet for everyone with numbers for community organizations, police, citizen service, and code enforcement. For example, Neighbors making loud noises after 10pm? Call 291-1111; or Neighbors lawn never gets mowed? Call: 266-8989. We have all experienced situations like these and often don't know whom to call. We'll keep you informed on how the project is going. Hopefully the conference will end up benefiting everyone in our neighborhood

The Community Leadership Institute is designed to help community leaders to be more effective by encouraging all community members to work on community issues and improvement. While in Kansas City, Charlie Golden-Black purchased the book Jefferson's Pillow, which is a book about Thomas Jefferson. In reading the Prologue she read, "Volunteer services in many, many areas are spread very thin. We don't work hard enough to pass on democratic traditions and we consequently find that many of our young people would rather hang out at the mall than serve their communities. The people who founded this country practiced active citizenship..." Charlie has talked with the others and said, "that this is what the conference is all about; getting involved in improving our communities."

All of the Dayton's Bluff attendees are inspired and ready to get back to work on neighborhood projects.

committed to welcoming new families and individuals to our nation, I am very pleased to offer this gift to the Dayton's Bluff Branch Library. My hope is that the fund will help the library provide much needed resources for our newest Americans in the coming years."

Opening this past May, the Dayton's Bluff Branch Library is the newest facility in the Saint Paul Public Library system. The branch, designed to serve neighborhood families, shares a building and resources with the new Metropolitan State University Library. The joint facility is a nationally innovative partnership between a public and university library.

The Friends is a private, non-profit organization. To contribute to the new Vento/Wellstone fund, please contact Peter Pearson, president of The Friends, at 325 Cedar Street, Suite 555, Saint Paul, MN 55101, 651/222-3242. To learn more about The Friends, visit [www.thefriends.org](http://www.thefriends.org).

## Dayton's Bluff Community Recreation Center September/Early October events

**Stop by and pick one up one of our complete schedules, visit us on-line at [www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks](http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/depts/parks) or call us at 651-793-3885**

**TOTS ARTS & CRAFT TIME** (Ages 3-5 yrs.) Bring the little ones to color, paint & create fun little creations. Supplies will be provided. Fridays, Sept. 24; 10:30-11:30 am; \$.50/wk; 10 sessions

**PARENT & TOT PLAY TIME** (Ages 5 & under) This unstructured time is for parents & daycare providers & their kids to play in our gymnasium. Mon., Wed. & Fri.s; 10 am - 12 noon; Free; On-going

**MOVIES FOR TINY TODDLERS** (Ages 2-5 yrs.) Bring the little ones to the center theater for a viewing of their favorite movie/show on our big 20' x 20' screen. Tues., Sept. 28; 10:30 am - 12 pm; Free; 10 sessions

**FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS TO FIRE SAFETY** Keep children ages 3-5 safe from fire. Limit 25 Instructor: St. Paul Fire Department Wed., Sept 22; 10-10:30 am; Free

**FIRE SAFETY TALK FOR YOUTH** (1st-6th gr.) Youth will hear, from the St. Paul Fire Dept., about how to react during a fire and what to do to prevent fires. Tues., Sept. 28; 4-4:45 pm; Free

**FAMILY FALL BONFIRE - CORN FEED - WATERMELON FEST** Dayton's Bluff is having its 2nd Annual Fall Bonfire. New activities this year include a corn feed & watermelon fest. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Fri., Oct. 1; 6-8 pm; \$2 each

**PUZZLEMANIA** All are invited to enjoy some time mind thinking puzzle making. 100, 500, 1000 piece puzzles available. Mon., Sept. 27; 6-7:30 pm; Free

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** Have stuff that is too small, too big or you just don't want anymore? Need a place to sell it? Well, here's your chance to clean house. Let's fill the gym with lots of good stuff to sell. Reserve a table for only \$5 each. Reserve by Sept. 18. Sat., Oct. 2; 9:30 am-3 pm; \$5/table

**JUDO FOR TOTS** (Ages 4-6 yrs.) Instructor: G. Trembulak Sat., Oct. 1; 10 am-12 pm; \$15 month; 4 sessions/month

**JUDO** (Ages 7-adult) Instructor: G. Trembulak Sat., Oct. 1; 12-2 pm; \$15/month; 4 sessions/month

**INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL** (Ages 6-8 yrs.) Boys and girls are invited to join us for some instructional basketball. Youth will play some 3-on-3 each week. 6 sessions Thurs., Sept. 16; 6-7:30 pm; \$6

**3-ON-3 BASKETBALL** (Ages 9-14 yrs.) Boys and girls will play 3-on-3 basketball with youth with similar ages. Tues., Sept. 14; 6-8 pm; \$6; 6 sessions

**TEEN CLUB** (Ages 9-14 yrs.) Tues. & Thurs.; 5-7 pm; Free; On-going

**BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE** All kids grades 4th-7th are welcome. Contests & prizes, concessions, and dancing. Thurs., Sept. 23; 5:30-8:30 pm; \$3 or \$2 with a canned good

**YOUNG AMERICA SCHOOL SELF DEFENSE / CHEER AMERICA** (Ages 5 & up) Classes are between 6-8 pm.

\* Registration week is Sept. 20 for Cheerleading & Sept. 22 for Self Defense

\* Classes start Sept. 27 & 29, but you may join at any time. This session runs for 12 weeks.

**YOUTH ROOM** Mon.-Thurs; 5 - 8 pm; Free; On-going

**HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE** (Ages. 8-15 yrs.) Are you ready for a "Spook"tacular time? Come test your fright-o-meter in a haunted room. Volunteers will be needed for set design and during operation. Wed. & Thurs; Oct. 27-28; 5:30-8:30 pm; 50 cents

**WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE** (Ages 11-adult) Instructor: G. Trembulak Mon., Oct. 4; 6:30-8:30 pm; \$45; 8 sessions; Limit 20

**OVER 40 CO-REC VOLLEYBALL** Tues, Sept. 21; 11:30 am-2 pm; \$1/wk; 12 weeks

**ADULT VOLLEYBALL** Fri., Sept. 24; 6-8:45 pm; \$1/wk; On-going

**DAYTON'S BLUFF SENIOR GROUP** Play cards, socialize with friends & more at Dayton's Bluff. New players are always welcome. Snacks provided for \$1 donation each week.

**CRIBBAGE:** Wed.'s; 11:30 am-3:30 pm; \$.50/week; On-going  
**CARDS 500:** Fri.'s; 12-4 pm; \$2/wk; On-going

**FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION** Still accepting registration for Soccer 5-6 yrs. & 7-8 yrs., Flag Football 9-11 yrs. & 12-14 yrs. until Sept. 10.

**TAMARACK NATURE CENTER FIELD TRIP**


The younger kids will experience "Backyard Bugs" program.

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**A.) A Minnesota WorkForce Center**

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1. Minnesota Workforce Centers provide accessible services to meet the employment and training needs of every member of our community. Services include: rehabilitation, income maintenance, job services, child care assistance and job training.
2. Everyone is eligible to use a Minnesota WorkForce Center. Many services are available on a walk-in basis during business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday - Friday, and on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
3. To apply for unemployment insurance pick up a packet at your local Minnesota WorkForce Center, and send it in. Call (651) 284-3033 for more information.
4. There is a state-of-the-art Resource Center and a qualified staff to assist you in job search. Access to Minnesota Job Bank, America's Job Bank, and other postings are available for review.
5. There are brochures, catalogs, and computerized information on most local post-secondary schools and other schools in MN and the U.S.
6. There are career training funds available for certain programs within the Minnesota WorkForce Center.
7. There is child care available for certain sponsored programs if you meet the eligibility requirements.
8. For more information go to the Downtown St. Paul Workforce Center at: First Floor of the Norwest Tower, 55 East 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101 or call: (651) 296-6786; or visit the Downtown St. Paul Workforce Center website at this address:  
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