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National Night Out events were great fun



Photo by Lou "The Photo Guy" Michaels (www.louthephotoguy.com)

Saint Paul's finest show off a new "black and white" patrol car at one of the many National Night Out events held in Dayton's Bluff on Tuesday, August 5th. The weather was perfect and participation was high.

September Events

Thursday, September 4
Community Meeting

Saturday, September 13
Neighborhood Cleanup

Monday, September 15
Last day to file for October District Council Elections.

Tuesdays, September 16, 23 & 30
Community Workshops

Wednesday, September 24
Block Club Leader Summit

Friday, September 26
"Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun" in Swede Hollow

For more information on these events read this paper, contact Karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075



A large 4-legged friend came to this event. Photo by Ed Lambert



There was plenty of food on Fremont Ave. Photo by Carla Riehle



Fun at the "HGTV House" on North St. Photo by erin sobaski

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File Now For Dayton's Bluff Elections

Residents of Dayton's Bluff interested in serving on the District Council Board of Directors need to **file their information** with the Council office **before September 15**. Contact the office (651-772-2075) or email ed@daytonsbluff.org for more information.

The election is held all day on October 20 at the Council offices.

Filing is easy, voting is easy...but you have to file your information to be on the ballot. Serving on the Board and helping to build your community is fun, interesting, and very effective.

**Want change? Want Action? Get on the Board and/or vote.
It matters.**

Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting is **Thursday, September 4th** from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street at the corner of 7th and Margaret.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council holds its Community Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month. The purpose is to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other neighborhood issues, concerns, and/or new ideas for improvement in Dayton's Bluff.

If you can get me the addresses of problems ahead of time I can get them to the police and code enforcement. Then they can bring information about the problems to the meeting. Remember, it's always on the 1st Thursday of the month. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend. If you need more information email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Meet with the police

The Eastern District Police host their monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues. One is on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the other on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. **In September the meetings are on the 17th and 19th.**

The meeting is intended as a time to listen to and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Take a Hike

Dayton's Bluff Take a Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. **There is no hike scheduled for September.** The next hike is **Saturday, October 4th.** We meet at 10:30 a.m. in Indian Mounds Park at Earl St. and Mounds Blvd. We'll hike from Mounds Park to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and then walk along the Bruce Vento Recreational Trail through Swede Hollow Park to the new East Side Heritage Park. Along the way we will share stories and learn some local history of the area. The hike is about four miles long with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available to return to Mounds Park, or you may hike back.

Join us and explore some of our parks and the regional trail. For more information contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

It's the law! The curfew law, that is!

City of St. Paul Curfew for Juveniles Age 15 or younger:
Home by 10 p.m.
Age 16 - 17:
Home by 12 a.m. Midnight

**Saint Paul Police Department
Juvenile Unit**



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Graduation of the spring Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class at 1st Lutheran Church. If you are interested in attending the fall class see the article at the right or call 651-772-2075 for an application.

Tuesday Community Workshops

A series of four Tuesday Evening Workshops will be held in the Dayton's Bluff Invest Saint Paul neighborhoods in September. You may sign up for all of them or any that you wish. All are free and everyone is welcome. Please email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075 to register.

Native Plants in Your Gardens, instructor Mary Mac - **September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway. Learn about which native plants grow best in our city environment. What about boulevard gardens? Which native plants did the American Indian use?

Affordable Housing Alternatives In A Volatile Mortgage Market, instructors Gary Beatty and Chuck Evans of Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation will be available on **September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center 800 Conway. They will help determine what programs best fit your individual circumstances. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is hosting a seminar to help people who are looking for affordable home ownership alternatives.

Housing Possibilities, instructor Dale Treihel and his associates from The Select Group of Mortgage and Investment Consultants - **September 23 at 6:30 p.m.** at Margaret Recreation Center 1109 Margaret. There

will be a tutorial about the housing and mortgage industry on how best to re-finance or purchase in today's market. We will also discuss related topics such as credit and down payment and low-cost loan assistance for buyers.

Free Design Tuesday, Historic Saint Paul architects - **September 30** at 6:30 p.m. at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center 800 Conway The Dayton's Bluff neighborhood is home to a rich collection of architectural styles: Italianate, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Victorian, Prairie Style and Vernacular. Which style does your home exemplify? How might you restore and enhance your home's original architectural features? Architects from Historic Saint Paul will be on hand to discuss the unique features of your home and sketch ideas for historically sensitive exterior improvements. You can also learn about financial and technical assistance available to help homeowners in Dayton's Bluff Invest Saint Paul areas restore their older homes. Please join us for this fun and free event!

For more information and to register for an appointment with an architect please contact Historic Saint Paul at 651-222-3049 or Karin at 651-772-2075. **Please remember to bring a photo of your home to Free Design Tuesday!**

Weeds don't stand a chance in Swede Hollow Park



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Friends of Swede Hollow and other neighborhood residents removing buckthorn and other weeds from Swede Hollow Park.

Last chance for fall business class

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in September. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts 8 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, plus 8 hours of one on one time with the instructor. The one on ones help each entrepreneur with their own business plan and development. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken this course include graphics, landscaping, 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 651-772-2075 or email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org for an application.

Block club meetings

*Wilson Avenue Block Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, at Earl and Euclid, at 6:30 p.m.

*Beech/Margaret Block Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at Margaret and Forest, at 7:00 p.m.

*Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Rec Center, at Margaret and Frank, at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to have your block club listed, or need information about starting your own block club, please contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

Family classes on mental illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota (NAMI-MN) is offering a free, 12-week educational course that helps families gain a greater understanding of mental illness, cope better, worry less, and feel empowered to advocate for better treatment and services. Family-to-Family classes will meet weekly in St. Paul starting Tuesday, Sept 2, from 6:00-8:30 p.m., at 1919 University Ave. For information or to register (required), call Anna Mae at 651-730-8434.

Dayton's Bluff Recycling
Every Tuesday. Have your recycling on the curb by 7 a.m. Call 651-772-2075 for a bin.

4% and 6.875% Interest Home Improvement Loans

4% Interest					
Maximum Loan Amount: \$35,000					
HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR 4% INTEREST					
1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
\$43,050	\$49,200	\$55,350	\$61,500	\$66,400	\$71,350
7 Persons	8 Persons	9 Persons	10 Persons	11 Persons	
\$76,250	\$81,200	\$86,100	\$91,000	\$93,100	
6.875% Interest					
Household Income Limits: \$93,100 Gross					
Maximum Loan Amount: \$35,000					

Eligible Improvements

- A room addition or a new garage
- Roof replacement, a new paint job, or siding
- Septic system repairs or plumbing
- Accessibility improvements such as bathroom accessibility remodeling or building a ramp
- Furnace/air conditioning installation
- Upgrade or replace electrical wiring
- Energy conservation, including replacing windows and doors or insulating walls or attic space
- Many other repairs and remodeling projects

Terms and Eligibility: You can take up to 20 years to repay the loan

Home Improvement Deferred Payment Loans (Limited Funds Available)

Repayment Terms This loan is secured with a mortgage at zero percent (0%) interest. Loan repayment is deferred until the borrower sells, transfers title, or no longer lives in the property. Depending on funding sources available, the loan may be due in thirty (30) years.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR DEFERRED PAYMENT LOANS					
1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons
\$28,300	\$32,350	\$36,400	\$40,450	\$43,700	\$46,900
7 Persons	8 Persons	9 Persons	10 Persons	11 Persons	12 Persons
\$50,150	\$53,400	\$56,650	\$59,850	\$63,100	\$66,350

Eligible Improvements Basic and necessary improvements that directly affect the safety, habitability, energy efficiency, and accessibility of your home. Correction of lead-based paint hazards is required.

Saint Paul Home Loan Fund
Tchu.Yajh@ci.stpaul.mn.us 651-266-6592



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Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-6626

Para información en español comuníquese con Neighborhood Development Alliance (NeDA) 651-292-0131



“Rocky Horror Picture Show” continues at the Mounds Theatre

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” continues its run at the Mounds Theatre this summer. This is the original 1975 motion picture accompanied by live performances and audience participation.

The scheduled dates are the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month from June through September. Upcoming dates are **September 6 & 20**. All shows begin at 11:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$7.00.

RHPS is the original audience participation experience. A live performance of RHPS is a unique multimedia event where you, the audience, are part of the show. A “shadow” cast made up of members from Transvestite Soup will attempt to recreate as accurately as possible what you see on screen, while leaving room for amusing improv. The audience will yell their own dialogue back at the screen and at live actors (some traditional, some spontaneous). Audience members often dress in appropriate fashion at these shows.

For more information or to purchase tickets online for “The Rocky Horror Picture Show”, go to www.MoundsTheatre.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door, or by calling 651-772-2253. The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Friends of Swede Hollow will “Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun”

“Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery” is one of the events Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) hosts each year. On **Friday, September 26th** starting at 6:30 p.m. meet at Swede Hollow Henge in Swede Hollow near the Drewry Lane and Beaumont entrance to watch the setting sun. After the sun sets the evening picnic and socializing begins. Former Hamm’s employees share stories about the brewery and working at the brewery. A former Swede Hollow resident entertains everyone with Italian music and memories of living in the Hollow.

FOSH is a nonprofit organization formed in 1994 when a number of interested neighbors from both sides of Swede Hollow came together to discuss our common goals, deep affection for, and commitment to the park, as well as our dreams, ideas, concerns, and the history of Swede Hollow. Other dedicated Swede Hollow supporters have joined the group since then. Some of the members have been involved in Swede Hollow since the early 1970s when Swede Hollow Park was in the early stages of development.

Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions call 651-776-0550 or email KarinDuPaul@comcast.net

Block Club Leader Summit

The next Block Club Leader Summit will be on **Wednesday, September 24th** instead of the 17th as originally scheduled. The Summit will be held at 798 East 7th Street starting at 6:30 p.m. It is a forum for block club leaders and contacts to share information, ideas, and strategies.

Special guest speaker will be City Council President Kathy Lantry to discuss block club and neighborhood issues.

Dayton’s Bluff block leaders will be able to share experiences on how they have dealt with problem like graffiti, purchasing a problem property, and dealing with problem properties. For more information email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Get rid of a junk car and help the District Council

Budget Towing of Minnesota, Minnesota’s largest towing company, is owned by Roy Carlson, an active Dayton’s Bluff Community Council board member. Budget Towing will remove any junk car or truck—located anywhere in Saint Paul—and dispose of it at no charge to the vehicle owner or the property owner where it is located. The vehicle owner will receive paperwork for a tax donation, and Roy will also make a small donation to the Community Council for each car he tows. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 for details.

Set of 12 Dayton’s Bluff postcards

The Dayton’s Bluff area has always been picturesque. It has so many scenic views—and now they are available in postcards! There are 12 different scenes, including the Scenic Overlook, the E. 7th St. Improvement Arches, the Stutzman Block and the Indian Mounds.

A set of 12 is \$10—only \$5 for Dayton’s Bluff residents. Photography and printing of the postcards was donated by Dayton’s Bluff resident Steve Trimble. All proceeds support our local paper, the *Dayton’s Bluff District Forum*. Call 651-772-2075 for more information.

The *Dayton’s Bluff District Forum* is now **mailed monthly** to Dayton’s Bluff businesses and households **FREE !!**

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Republican Convention special report: A tale of two Kellers

By Steve Trimble

The national Republican Convention in St. Paul will likely be going on about the time this paper reaches your mailbox. So for this month's history article, I thought the story of two Dayton's Bluff residents who had a significant impact on area politics would be a timely topic.

The two Republicans—both were named Keller, but were not related—are good examples of elements within the Midwest Republican party in the early years of the Twentieth Century. Herbert, who was three years older, might be best described as an “urban progressive.”

Progressivism was a somewhat conservative reform movement in the United States. Supported by the middle and upper classes, it sought to reclaim city power from what was seen as “machine politics.” Progressives like Herbert Keller felt that cities should be run on scientific and “business principles.” At the same time, its proponents realized that social reforms, such as public health improvements, were necessary.

Oscar Keller, who also called himself a Republican, followed a more radical road. He favored many of the planks of the Non-Partisan League, which had great strength in the upper Midwest, and the Socialist party, which had a fairly large following in Minnesota at the time. This Keller was closely allied with the local labor movement and openly favored more far-reaching economic changes.

Herbert Keller

I am in favor of any form of city government that centralizes authority and responsibility, discards obsolete methods of business and severs connections with bosses and “bossism.” —Herbert Keller, 1911

Herbert Keller was born into one of the pioneer families of the neighborhood. His father, John Keller came to the city in the 1850's and ran a successful lumbering mill on Phalen Creek and built a sizeable home called “Eichenwald” (Oak Forest) in the lower bluff. The house, where Herbert was born on February 7, 1875, is now gone but the street name is a reminder of its former location.

Herbert went to Van Buren Elementary and Central High School. He obtained a law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1896. He soon became an assistant attorney for the city of St. Paul. He lived at 774 East Sixth St. for many years.

The political bug must have bitten him and he ran for office. On May 4th, 1904, in spite of a massive democratic sweep of offices, Keller was elected to the city's common council and remained there for several terms.

He looked after the needs of his area, but also showed a desire to deal with citywide issues. In 1909, for example, Assemblyman Keller proposed an amendment to require the consent of contiguous property owners and the majority of all property owners on the



Campaign ad for Herbert P. Keller published in the June 20, 1926 Saint Paul Pioneer Press.

block before a billboard could be erected. “I am getting complaints every day about these billboards,” he said to a reporter, and a person should “be protected from these unsightly billboards appearing right at his elbow.”

He was not initially interested in seeking higher office but finally agreed to run for Mayor in 1910 after repeated urgings from friends. Although considered a long shot in a strongly Democratic town, Keller won. Incidentally, this made him the first mayor of St. Paul to be born in the city.

In 1912 he ran for re-election, citing his accomplishments that included a new city charter (which he did not feel went far enough), lowering gas and electric rates, and taking the police force out of politics. His platform included using “business methods” in city departments with employees chosen for high qualifications rather than political connections. To help find solid information to aid in decision-making, he pushed for a municipal statistical library. He also suggested the construction of a city garage to provide downtown parking.

There were social issues as well. Herbert wanted to get rid of “gambling dens” and the “blind pigs,” a name given to establishments that secretly sold illegal alcohol. Like other urban progressives, he wanted to improve the city's livability and singled out theaters that “may be a menace to public health” and “especially those known as moving pictures.”

Ironically, he made an innovative series of campaign appearances at several movie theaters, including the Palm on Payne Avenue and the Dayton Theater at 825 East Seventh St..

Keller also called for the improvement and lighting of roads. His suggestion of having municipally owned power plant for St. Paul received national attention.

For a reason unknown at this time, he did not run again in 1914, resumed practice of law and served on the city's Park Advisory Board. Keller later became county commissioner, a service that lasted from 1918 to 1931. In this role, he pushed for the physical linking of Ramsey County lakes, added land to the park system and initiated a plan for a new golf course and initiated a number of conservation initiatives. He died in 1935.

Oscar Keller

The machinery of government has been commandeered by a little clique whose blind obedience to Wall Street is responsible for the stupid, selfish and short-sighted policy that is retarding our prosperity and creating profound distrust and discontent among our people.

—Oscar Keller, 1921

Oscar Keller was an import from Wisconsin, where he was born on July 30, 1878. He arrived in our city around 1900 and was first employed as a billing clerk. Around 1902, he started to run a grocery store at 863 East Seventh St. while living at 308 Bates.

He broke into politics in 1910 when he ran for the City Assembly from Herbert's old district. One campaign advertisement mentioned his creation of free municipal concerts that became very popular events always played by members of the musician's union.

With strong support from Labor, he was successful and was re-elected several times. Under the new city

commission plan—sponsored by Mayor Keller—he became the Commissioner of Public Utilities starting in 1914.

His strengthened his Labor support when he sided with workers in the famous 1917 streetcar strike. While the unions praised him, the arch-conservative Minnesota Commission of Public Safety called for his removal from office after Keller gave a fiery speech in front of the strikers and had him arrested for “inciting a riot and sedition.” He was later released and remained in office.

In 1919, when the incumbent fourth district congressman died, he decided to run for the office. He did not win the Republican Party's nomination but he entered the primary as an “Independent Republican” and won the seat on July 1, 1919.

The St. Paul Union Advocate, the local labor publication that strongly supported him, called Oscar “a non-conformist from the start,” who “took an aggressive stand on many public questions on the people's side.”

He was reelected in 1920 and began introducing a number of far-reaching proposals. As an advocate of Henry George's economic ideas, he favored taxation of unimproved land and resources whose value increased. He wanted the government's wartime control of railroads to be continued.

Along with the famed Senator Norris of Nebraska, Keller sponsored a bill for a nationwide public-power system. While the proposal failed, it was the forerunner of what later became the Rural Electrification Administration.

He began his greatest battle in Congress in September, 1922 when he called for the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty for “high

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PAID ADVERTISEMENT Prepared for Oscar E. Keller, 835 East Sixth street, by C. R. Barnes, for which \$20.09 has been paid for one insertion in Pioneer Press, March 15th.



**Oscar E. Keller
FOR
COUNCILMAN**

In 1910 Oscar E. Keller was first elected to the assembly. He made good from the start and in 1912, he was re-elected to the same body. Mr. Keller was elected president of the Assembly in 1911 and still holds that office. He was the originator of the free municipal concert plan, which has been carried out so successfully in St. Paul the last two winters.

Speaking of his candidacy, last night, Mr. Keller said.

“I have spent my own time and money in my previous campaigns and am doing so now.

“No corporations or breweries have received any favors from me that they were not entitled to. If elected to the council I believe I can make good. Some men before election tie themselves up so bad that they cannot make good if they want to.

“As a member of the Assembly I have studied the needs of the city departments and as a member of the conference committee I have made a special effort to hold down the budget allowances.”

Oscar E. Keller
HAS MADE GOOD

Oscar E. Keller ran this ad in the March 15, 1914 Saint Paul Pioneer Press and paid \$20.09 for it out of his own pocket.

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“Kellers”

crimes and misdemeanors in office” for issuing injunctions against striking railroad workers. His proposal was referred to a committee which had hearings the following year, but it was clear that Congress was not going to act. Keller was upset, called the committee’s work a “comic opera,” and walked out of the hearings. Afterwards he left Washington for a time because the stress deteriorated his health.

The Republican leadership in Washington and Minnesota began an attack on Oscar’s party credentials, saying that he and others who were allied with the “radical La Follette faction” should not be given party leadership roles. Keller did usually side with that group but nonconformist that he was, he sometimes broke with them. Still, he was denied the chairmanship of the claims committee.

In 1925 the St. Paul “Coolidge Republicans” openly referred to the Congressman as “a radical socialist sympathizer.” He was challenged in the 1926 Republican primary by Melvin Maas whose main campaign issue was the repeal of prohibition. A Farmer Labor candidate was also in the race, drawing off many of his nor-

mal voters and Keller was defeated by Maas.

When he was ready to return to St. Paul in March, there were strong rumors that the former congressman was planning to run for the City Council, but it never came about. His wife died in April of 1927 and it seemed to affect Oscar, whose own health began to decline. He passed away in the fall of that same year.

An obituary in one labor paper said he was “more than a mere voter for good measures... he had initiative, courage, and perseverance... his untimely death is a real loss to the cause of political progress.”

While there are no known records of any meetings between the two Kellers, they surely happened. After all, for a time they simultaneously held public office in the city and lived in the same neighborhood.

Some of Herbert’s accomplishments are memorialized by two landmarks named after him— Keller Lake and Keller Golf Course. Oscar’s work has been mostly forgotten, although he does have a place on the online St. Paul Labor History Map. His house and old grocery store are still standing and who knows, maybe some day they might have historical markers.

Dayton’s Bluff resident publishes Saint Paul photo history book

If there was any doubt that this is a historic summer in St. Paul, what with the Republican National Convention coming to town and all, there is now a new book that removes all doubt.

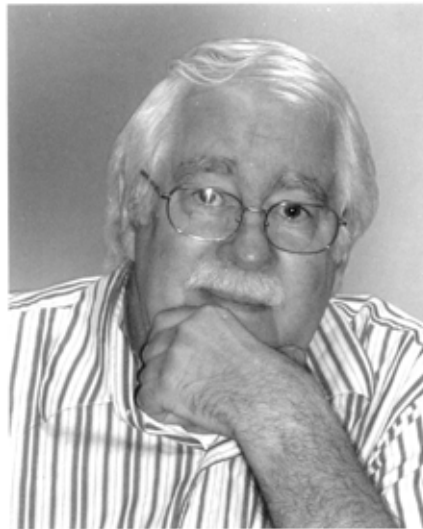
Historic Photos of St. Paul by Steve Trimble (yes, the *Forum’s* very own) was published this past June and chronicles the history of our city from its origins in the 1840s through the modern era of the 1960s and ‘70s. It does this through the use of 200 photographs from the Minnesota State Historical Society and the Ramsey County Historical Society archives with captions and introductory text provided by Trimble.

Unlike many books of this genre, this is a high quality hardcover “coffee table” book with crisp photos and informative captions. Rather than just stating the obvious, each of Steve’s captions provides us with background information on the subject and often a glimpse into its future, written in the friendly style we have become familiar with in his articles in the *Forum*.

Obviously even 200 photos can’t cover the entire history of St. Paul, but the selection hits on just about every aspect of the city including transportation, parks, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, churches, housing and, of course, the ordinary citizens that have always inhabited this city. The Eastside and Dayton’s Bluff receive their fair share of coverage.

Historic Photos of St. Paul is divided into four chapters: “The River City” (1840-1869), “The City on Rails” (1870-1918), “The City in Transition” (1919-1945) and “The Modern Metropolis” (1946-1970s). Each chapter covers a major period in the growth of St. Paul as advances in transportation changed the look of the city.

Steve Trimble lives in Dayton’s Bluff and while the highlight of his career is undoubtedly his monthly history column in the *Dayton’s Bluff District Forum*, he



Book jacket photo
Steve Trimble, Dayton’s Bluff resident,
historian and author

has done a few other things. He was a state legislator and with his background in urban history he has taught at several universities and colleges. Steve has written a number of history books and articles on St. Paul, Minneapolis and Minnesota, and is a frequent contributor to the Ramsey County Historical Society’s quarterly magazine “Ramsey County History.” He is also well known for his local history talks and walking tours.

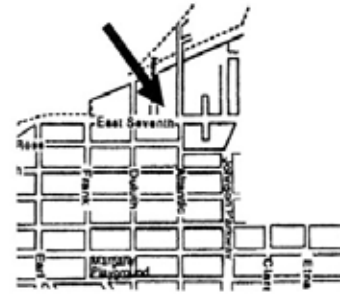
Historic Photos of St. Paul is published by Turner Publishing Company of Nashville, Tennessee and is available in local bookstores and also online at the Ramsey County’s Historical Society’s website at www.RCHS.com and various other online book retailers. Also look for Steve around town at talks and book signings.

This book would make a great gift for anyone who lives or has lived in St. Paul. It would also be a dandy souvenir for someone who happens to be in town for a major political convention.

Now let’s see if we can get Steve to finish up his long overdue book on the history of Dayton’s Bluff.



**Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup
& FREE Stuff Area**
Saturday, September 13, 2008
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Ray Anderson & Sons
North of East 7th St. at Atlantic and Phalen Corridor
(933 Atlantic)
This cleanup is for Dayton’s Bluff residents only.



COSTS

Entrance: \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck and trailers. **No dump trucks.**
Extra Fees: \$10 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat.
\$3 per car tire; \$8 per truck tire, plus \$2 if on rim.
Electronics: no charge

You may also bring: fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, bicycles, demolition debris, clean wood, concrete/rocks. *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, and construction debris.

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

Remember: DO NOT bring appliances to the cleanup.

Call JR’s Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 11, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 15. Cost \$25 for one appliance, \$10 for each additional appliance. There is extra fee of \$5 for each air conditioner.

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 11, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 15. 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: 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 Tuesday. Have your Recycling at the curb by 7 am.

Good Free Stuff at the Cleanup

Even if you do not have junk or trash to get rid of come and check out the Free Stuff. Swap Stuff. 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 or it all goes in the dumpster. So bring your car, truck or trailer**



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.

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. **There will be limited senior pick-up service. For more information or to register, call the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.**



Become a Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary Volunteer Interpreter!

The Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary is a unique city park just east of Saint Paul's downtown district. Nestled at the foot of Dayton's Bluff, the sanctuary is a true oasis of nature in the city, with towering bluffs, spring-fed wetlands, and prairies and woodlands nurtured by hundreds of volunteers and local young people. Home to a cave sacred to the Dakota — and remnants of Saint Paul's brewing and rail history — the sanctuary also tells the story of a changing Minnesota.

You can become a volunteer guide for the sanctuary and share the story of this special place with school groups, civic organizations and other interested citizens. The National Park Service, Lower Phalen Creek Project and Community Design Center of Minnesota are providing a two-evening training for interested volunteers:

Monday, September 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office (798 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul). This is a presentation about the sanctuary, including its cultural history and its role as part of the Mississippi River flyway.

Monday, September 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary (we will meet at the parking lot at the intersection of Commercial Street and East Fourth Street.) This is an on-site "how to" session for giving tours and presenting the curriculum developed for the sanctuary.

We ask that volunteers come to both sessions. For more information, contact Sarah Clark at 651.290.0002, sclarkmmc@comcast.net

Vento Nature Sanctuary Guide Now Available

A free one-page, foldout guide to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary's ecological and cultural resources is now available. You can pick up copies at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office (798 E. 7th St.) or download it from the Lower Phalen Creek Project website (www.phalencreek.org). Thank you to the St. Paul Audubon Society for providing key funding for this project.

Neighborhood Leadership Program

Challenge yourself . . . "Tune-up" your leadership skills . . . Make new connections.

Help make the goals & dreams you have for your neighborhood a reality!

Join the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's Neighborhood Leadership Programs (NLP)

NLP's Leadership Skills for Success is a six-month training program designed to help you build knowledge, skills and connections for effective community leadership. Meet with others interested in community leadership in sessions held twice per month over six months.

Learn about topics such as:

- * Effective communications
- * Conflict resolution
- * Project planning
- * Working inclusively in neighborhoods

People from a diversity of gender, geography, age, cultural and ethnic backgrounds participate in the program.

In order to participate, you need to:

- Live, work or volunteer in Saint Paul.
- Make a commitment to attend 2 sessions per month from November - April and one overnight retreat

Pay or obtain sponsorship to cover the \$100 registration fee. (Limited scholarships available)

Childcare and transportation to sessions available - request at time of application. Applications are due September 26.

For more information contact us at 651-280-2457.

Volunteers needed to connect with elders

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly need volunteers to connect with elders in Saint Paul/Minneapolis. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities.

We need visiting volunteers to make a visit to an elder's home twice a month. The elders we serve are isolated and alone.

If you are interested please visit www.littlebrothersmn.org, email lmineau@littlebrothersmn.org, or call 612-746-0753.

Signs, signs everywhere a sign



Photo by erin sobaski

The Summer Youth Program is in full swing. Motivational lawn signs about keeping our community clean and safe are being placed and bags of litter are being picked up. If you see a group (like this one above) cleaning up on your block, be sure to say "Hi and thanks"—and even join them in cleaning! It's all part of building community relationships. More details on this program will follow in our October issue.

by erin sobaski

Look around your neighborhood and you may notice cleaner blocks, kids and adults working together, and lawn signs promoting a clean and safe neighborhood. This is the result of an initiative between the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, and the Margaret and Dayton's Bluff Recreation Centers to implement a Summer Youth Program (SYP) designed to improve community engagement and support among residents and businesses, as well as less visible crime, littering and graffiti.

To further continual awareness of keeping our neighborhood clean and safe, a series of signs are being placed on some blocks. The lawn signs include three sets, with three signs per set, viewed as a progressive billboard. Teens from both rec centers gave input on sign ideas.

Final sign series are:

- *No Trash / No Tagging / No Trash-Talking
- *Don't drop it / Find a trashcan / Use it
- *Be productive / Be polite / Be peaceful

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The Regime: Our View

"Giving Voice to Our Teens"

At last—the room is coming together!

Sitting pretty with the pillows ▶



Just some of the new items ▼



The Teen Room is on its way. Members chose color schemes, then went on a shopping spree to IKEA. But this is just the beginning. A second trip is planned to buy the remaining items. "I am so excited," said member Marie, "I can't wait until we finish so we can have a place to just chill."

Add *your* voice. Attend a meeting.

For more information, contact one of the locations below.

Dayton's Bluff Rec Center • 651-793-3885 | Margaret Rec Center • 651-298-5719 | Arlington Rec Center • 651-298-5701



The girls get ready ▶

National Night Out

Members of The Regime participated in last month's National Night Out celebration at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They helped do face painting and temporary tattoos for many kids.



◀ Hanging out with the Old Country Buffet Bee

ECFE program adds two new staff

By Meg Gronau

Attention, parents of young children: are you dealing with big changes in your growing family? You're in good company; the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program at Dayton's Bluff Elementary is welcoming two fresh faces to their staff.

With veteran teachers Mary Ann Cogelow and Kathie Tope making the transition into retirement, ECFE mounted a search for a classroom teacher and a new Parent Educator. Cogelow will continue to lead the parent discussion groups in one class this year: the "Focus on Fours" Kindergarten-prep class which meets Monday and Thursday afternoons. Tope will take on the role of Lead Teacher this year and will continue to teach several classes.

Beth Davies replaces Cogelow, who has been the Dayton's Bluff ECFE Parent Educator for 33 years. Alicia Runquist steps into the role of classroom teacher, fulfilling a long-time wish for a Spanish-speaking teacher for the Tuesday ECFE classes.

Davies, a mother of two, began her career working in a preschool. For the last 15 years, Davies has been working in the St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) as an elementary education counselor. She's a firm believer in the SPPS and their rich support for families. "St. Paul is such a good district," Davies says. "They are committed to reaching the diverse

learning needs of children pre-K through grade 12."

Davies knows the payoff of investing in a community's small children. Studies show that children who attend a high-quality early-childhood program are typically less likely to need special education, repeat a grade in school, or require government assistance as adults. "Birth-to-five-years is a challenging time [for parents]," Davies said. "Families can feel isolated." But parents are empowered by having a place to gather and grow and share the trials and tribulations of navigating life with young children. ECFE gives parents an opportunity to practice what they've learned and then tweak it to fit each individual situation.

"ECFE is a place of collaborative growth and development," Davies said. "It's a healthy place for children to gather. It's a place of adult learning."

Davies will be leading open discussions with parents on topics such as discipline, eating, and the importance of play and reading to kids... and that's just for starters. Davies respects and is sensitive to people's different learning styles. "Not everyone learns best from a discussion-style forum," she said. Davies hopes to help the Dayton's Bluff ECFE program continue to reach out to families in the community. "I cherish the diversity of the East Side," she says.

Davies has experience working with people of different backgrounds and is committed to each family's development. "There are strengths in all families—even those with big challenges. I'm thrilled to help people find their own strengths."

All families in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood are encouraged to find an ECFE class to fit their schedule: morning, afternoon, and evening classes are all



Beth Davies

available. "Dayton's Bluff has a strong, committed parent population," Davies said. "Everyone is yearning to share with one another."

The Dayton's Bluff ECFE program also extends a warm welcome to Alicia Runquist, the newest classroom teacher on staff. Runquist is currently living in the early-childhood trenches, with two young children of her own. A lifelong resident of St. Paul, this will be her 10th year working in the St. Paul ECFE program. Most recently, Runquist has been boosting literacy skills in children age three to five through the Early Reading First grant program. This focus on literacy skills has her fired up to bring her knowledge and experience to the Dayton's Bluff site.

"I'm excited to become part of a program that's really respected... that's so thoughtful and caring toward families," she said. "I'm excited to be a part of your community."

Runquist's years with ECFE have shaped her into a great cheerleader for the program. "ECFE is a place where all families are welcome and valued, and



Alicia Runquist

everyone has something to contribute. ECFE is a place to go when things are going great with your family, and also when they're not." Runquist decries the myth of the "perfect parent." "There isn't one 'right way'," she says. "It plays out differently in each family. You learn with each child," she says. "ECFE provides the opportunity [for parents and children] to try something challenging in a safe place."

Families can find Runquist at both Tuesday Spanish-speaking ECFE classes, and at the Wednesday morning English-speaking class.

ECFE, a St. Paul Public Schools program, is designed for families with at least one child in the birth-to-kindergarten age range. All families in the community are encouraged to attend. Openings remain in all ECFE classes; for more information, please visit ecfe.spps.org or call 651-293-5343. Class fees are on a sliding scale; no family is excluded because of an inability to pay. The deadline for pre-registration for the 2008-09 school year is Aug. 19, but enrollment continues throughout the year. The All-Site Registration day is Wed., Sept. 3; classes begin on Sept. 8.

**MORTGAGE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
"MAKE IT POSSIBLE" TO OWN A HOME IN SAINT PAUL**

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) approved \$625,000 in funding for Reserve Accounts that will be used to leverage private dollars for two new mortgage incentive programs, the Make it Possible Program (MPP) and the Sustainable Home Ownership Program (SHOP). Both programs will help to stabilize targeted Invest Saint Paul neighborhoods by providing current home owners with the option to refinance out of adjustable rate mortgages and an incentive for people to purchase vacant or foreclosed properties.

These initiatives are focused on expanding economic opportunity and strengthening our neighborhoods. Good homeowners are the bedrock of strong neighborhoods, and these programs will provide an opportunity for folks to own and stay in their homes.

Loans will be made in the name of the Family Housing Fund (FHF) and serviced by Community Reinvestment Fund. Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (DBNHS) will be the program administrator and loan originator of the Make it Possible Program. This program can be utilized by existing homeowners to refinance variable rate mortgages into a long-term, fixed-rate mortgage, or for new mortgages for homebuyers.

The new SHOP pilot will help borrowers develop and maintain sound financial and home ownership practices through their first years as homeowners with assistance from Dayton's Bluff NHS. This program is for homebuyers only. It is not a refinance product. Both of these innovative pilot programs are a result of a collaborative partnership among St. Paul's Planning & Economic Development staff, the Family Housing Fund, Dayton's Bluff NHS, University Bank, and the Community Reinvestment Fund.

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