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Community Calendar

Saturday, May 1 & June 5, 10:30 am
Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike
(see page 7)

Thursday, May 6, 6:30 pm
*Community Meeting

Monday, May 10
*Greenspace Committee 6:00 pm
*Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Monday, May 17
*Arts & Culture Committee 6:15 pm
*Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 19, 6:30 pm
Friday, May 21, 9:30 am
Eastern District Police Meeting
722 Payne Avenue

*Meetings at Council office
798 East Seventh Street

Special housing deals in Dayton's Bluff

By Ed Lambert
District Council Executive Director

Homes for sale in Dayton's Bluff are attracting a rising number of inquiries from prospective homeowners this spring. Zong Vang, Housing Program Coordinator at the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service (DBNHS), recently stated "our new mortgage and mortgage assistance financing products are bringing a sharp increase in inquiries . . . properties are selling much faster than last year."

DBNHS is a major local source of "special" financing options for purchases of, or rehab work on, Dayton's Bluff housing (some options are unique to Dayton's Bluff). They also build some new homes for sale, but specialize in purchasing, rehabbing and reselling existing housing to new homeowners. As of this writing, for example, they have three single-family homes for sale (including the one pictured) and will have another three ready later this spring.

The agency works very closely with the city's Invest St. Paul program, among others, and works especially hard to encourage investment in Dayton's Bluff.

It has loans available at three to five percent interest for interior or exterior improvements, and also provide free assistance from its rehab counselors for improvement projects. In selected circumstances, the agency also has second mortgage financing, down payment assistance funds and even a contract-for-deed option. For more information on housing finance, rehab help, and available properties contact Ms. Vang at 651-774-9064 or zvang@dbnhs.org.

What may be the agency's most ambitious "new housing" effort is known as "The Brownstones on Swede Hollow." This development on Payne Avenue near East 7th Street consists of three buildings, each with eight units, and each unit with two bedrooms, two baths, and a tuck-under, two-car garage. Just a few weeks ago it had nine units available but, as of April 12, there are only three left.



723 Margaret Street, featured on the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour

Check out www.brownstoneson-swedehollowpark.com to see what they're about. The site includes information on floor plans, the association, financing, the immediate neighborhood, and Swede Hollow Park. Just 12 to 14 months ago, the agency worried it might be 2012 before they sold out (if they sold out). Contact Seanne Thomas at 651-230-4070 or Brad Griffith at 651-263-2830 for details on these remaining units.

Lately, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council staff and Board members have been hearing from an increasing number of residents and local business owners about a welcome increase in housing renovation activity in the community. Ms Vang said "at this time last year we were getting two applications a month for rehab help and financing; now we get six to eight every month and it's growing!"

Residents and local business people are strongly encouraged to contact Karin DuPaul at Karin@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075 if they want to help promote Dayton's Bluff as a place to live, work, and make investments. She can tell you about a task force of local residents you can join that is having a lot of fun and success doing just that. You are needed . . . you can make a difference!

Invest Saint Paul Dayton's Bluff

Incubator Kitchen comes to the East Side

By Tabitha Benci DeRango

What a progressive place Dayton's Bluff is becoming. Would you ever have imagined that we would be the site for an incubator kitchen? What is an incubator kitchen, you ask? It's an entrepreneur's dream.

Jenna Matthews is one such entrepreneur. Working out of the Incubator Kitchen, she creates a product called Ka-yan, a food widely eaten in

Africa. It is made from peanut butter and cassava root and no salt. It is not only nutritious but delicious. In Africa peanuts are a staple food, similar to how meat products are consumed in the United States. Jenna markets her product to a few stores in the Twin cities area like Makala Market on University Avenue in St. Paul.

The Incubator Kitchen is a family-run business, with A Toast to Bread operating out of this location. Mervyn Hough, manager, is key to the operation. A former Peace Corps volunteer, he sees the value in being able to pursue your dreams.

The location was formerly underutilized with only A Toast to Bread operating out of the facility. The transformation allows many people to use a licensed kitchen to make their food products legally and then sell them. The kitchen charges an hourly fee to the bakers and allows them to keep costs low for start-up. They are also permitted to use existing site equipment for their production. In addition, several individual caterers use the kitchen to prepare their foods. Mervyn is also helpful in assisting with key details in marketing products, like packaging for example. Jenna says, "This is my dream, and Mervyn is a godsend."

Currently the Incubator Kitchen is open to the public on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They sell breads, pastries and sometimes even homemade soups.

People come from all over the metro area to use the Incubator Kitchen. Mervyn told me that while Wisconsin has a network of incubator kitchens, he is unsure if any besides his exist in the state of Minnesota.

I was very impressed with the diversity of individuals utilizing this facility and with the fact that it is a business that makes sense for our community and our current economic environment. It is definitely worth stopping in at 703 East 3rd Street just to smell the baked goods and to meet Mervyn, who is full of enthusiasm about this project. Hurray for the dreams of entrepreneurs!

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LYNX team members coming to Dayton's Bluff Rec

Two LYNX team members will be at the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway, on Thursday, May 13, at 4:00 pm. They're coming to shoot some hoops with local kids and spend an hour or so talking about basketball, school and getting ahead in life.

As Minnesota's professional women's basketball team, the team has shown that women's basketball is as exciting as men's, so they are coming to show their stuff and offer some pointers.

There are three Olympians and five all-stars on the LYNX, and the Team is currently the favorite to win the WBA Western Conference this year.

Team members wanted to visit with Dayton's Bluff girls to carry the message that basketball is a sport that girls play well, and that active engagement in sports opens doors to help young people develop into strong and confident adults.

The recreation center is extending an invitation to all Dayton's Bluff girls and others who want to meet some of the LYNX players, and spend some time shooting hoops and just plain talking. All are welcome. See you on the court!

Only in the on-line edition

We encourage our neighbors and readers to send articles to the *Forum*. Unfortunately, we don't have room for all the excellent submissions we receive. Please visit www.daytonsbuff.org for our special online-only supplement.

Race to the top?

by Mary Ann Cogelow

Oh, come on, Mr. President! What a singularly inapt metaphor you have chosen for the process of state grant writing to improve education. I have been pleased to learn that you and Education Secretary Arne Duncan believe that the focus of education in the United States needs to be broader and to include such aspects as physical education, music and the arts. I am encouraged to learn that you understand that standardized tests are not the only means of assessing student achievement.

As a teacher who was initially licensed by an alternative process, I embrace alternate paths to teaching if they are carefully thought out and consider both subject matter and pedagogy, the art and science of teaching. I am sure that all who are concerned with education need to closely scrutinize what good teaching is and how

every teacher can become more adept or be helped to find a different career. This said, however, one of the few positive aspects of your predecessor's education plan was its title, "No Child Left Behind" (purloined from the Children's Defense Fund though it was), which implied all of us working for all children and posited all children achieving. "Race To the Top" to the contrary implies a desperate competition with one or a few winners and many, many more losers—not a way I want to imagine education for any society, much less our own.

So what's wrong with the uncritical acceptance of competition, with promoting winning? Much more than I can easily describe within the limits of this article, but two basic themes occur to me. The first of these is that competition embraced uncritically damages the development of children in too many ways and with devastating effects. The second is that competition is the wrong focus. On this "big blue marble" we need to educate our kids to have the knowledge and skills to be world class cooperators and collaborators.

The evidence is that competition hinders rather than promotes the kind of education we need to give to all children. It comes at a high price. Winning implies to kids that some of them are better than others. Adults do a poor job of helping kids understand what winning really means: at one moment in time you had more skill, luck, information, a better breakfast, a happier home life—or whatever—than the person you surpassed. It has nothing whatever to do with your inherent human value.

The belief that their value lies in winning hurts children. It raises their stress levels which over time damages their brains and their ability to use their neocortexes to learn. If you have witnessed the sadness of a preschooler or elementary age child over losing a "game," you know that the pain is real. If you have witnessed a grandmother using a marked card to avoid losing a game of Old Maid (yes, I know it's a yucky name) to her three-year-old grandchild, you understand that the passage of years doesn't in itself heal earlier wounds from losing.

The stress young children feel over games may seem insignificant to many adults, but the stress and anxiety of striving to be "the best" academically has many educators worrying about childhood "burnout" not only in junior and senior high school, but as early as fourth grade. Alfie Kohn, author of *No Contest: The Case against Competition*, who more than any popular author I know has read the educational research on multiple topics, argues that competition does not lead to the solid learning we want for children. He reminds us that intrinsic interest in a subject motivates learners more than any artificial reward including being "Number One." He also asserts that "task involvement" predicts higher achievement than "ego involvement" does.

Children who believe their human value rests on being better at something than other children are often reluctant to try something they may "fail at" or they may become trapped in self-defeating perfectionism. Children who compete against others instead of reaching for the most they



Dave Murphy, Jane Prince, Rob Marino, Barbara Rapacz (with Parker, the dog) and Jennifer Newton at the Friends of Mounds Park bonfire on March 21

can achieve are not reaching their own potential. Children who see themselves as unsuccessful competitors give up and drop out. And those who define their worth in being "the best" are in danger of losing themselves when they meet competitors who can "beat" them at their own games.

Not only does competition impede cognitive learning. It damages children morally and socially. The poet T.S. Eliot once wrote "the game enforces cheats." Children certainly seem to think this is true. In a 2006 study of 36,122 high school students by the Josephson Institute of Ethics in Los Angeles, 59% of them agreed that successful people do what they have to do to win even if others consider it cheating. The effect of pushing kids to be better than their peers and to see others as potential obstacles to their own success can lead to envy and contempt, alienation, aggression and poor relationships. Educational competition may contribute to defining one's self-worth by surpassing others, but the problem doesn't stay at school. It contributes to defining oneself by having more or newer or better stuff or being the most friended on Facebook.

For children who see themselves as losers the consequence can be horrific. Personalities can become so dam-

aged that kids can't stand up for what they know is right, and lose the ability to make friends based on good shared values. Some of them self-medicate with risky behavior, smoking, drinking or drug use or pursue self-destructive ways of trying to fit into their peer groups.

The confusion about the meaning and value of competition isn't limited to children in our society (one of the reasons we all need to think seriously about this issue). At the season finale of American Idol in May 2008, Simon Cowell advised contestants, "You have got to hate your opponent." Reacting to his statement, Susan Newman, author of *The Book of No*, says, "Kids shouldn't be taught to hate their competitors. They need to learn how to cooperate and support one another because team players are the people who succeed in the real world."

In June, look for more here on the need to help children become skilled collaborators.

This article was abridged for space reasons, but can be read in its entirety in the online supplement at www.daytonsbuff.org

Mary Ann Cogelow was a parent educator in the St. Paul Public Schools Early Childhood Family Education Program at Dayton's Bluff from 1975 to 2008. She continues to write on parenting issues.

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Metropolitan State garden benefits community

by Harvey Meyer

It's springtime and the sun is shining brightly. A breeze is gently caressing Metropolitan State students as they cultivate, mulch, fertilize and plant in a community garden.

What better way for the students to earn college credit—while also serving the East Side. The community garden, offered for the third semester on land east of the St. Paul Campus Library and Learning Center, is the brainchild of August Hoffman, associate professor of psychology at Metropolitan State. Hoffman believes the garden offers symbolic and practical benefits.

"Because of our fast-paced world and over-reliance on technology, among other things, people have become more polarized," said Hoffman, who has coauthored a book called *Unity Through Community Service Work: Strategies to Bridge Ethnic and Cultural Divides*. "So there are fewer opportunities for people to come together and work cooperatively." Community service work performed by students at the community garden is an illustration of collective action benefiting others.

Beyond that, Hoffman said, gardening offers a forum where students can get to know and understand each other better, perhaps debunking negative stereotypes. And while students enhance their cultivating, mulching and other gardening skills, members of the East Side community benefit from the nutritious foodstuffs.

A large portion of the cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, corn, potatoes and other vegetables are donated to the nearby First Lutheran Church, which has supplied water for the 20 x 20 foot plot. Sometime in June and July the vegetables will be hand-delivered to the homeless attending the church's Wednesday evening wellness program. Other community members will also profit from the garden's harvest and fruit picked from close-by apple, plum and other trees.

"The students enjoy interacting with community members and making a contribution to the community," said Hoffman, adding that about 150 students donated time since spring 2009. Most opt to perform community service over writing an academic paper. "It helps give the students a sense of purpose."

In addition to the community garden, students also helped seed native plants and flowers adjacent to Metropolitan State's Library and Learning Center. There is also discussion about planting cherry blossom trees and developing a rainwater garden on the St. Paul campus. Ultimately, said Hoffman, he hopes students can further develop their green thumbs in a vacant greenhouse next to the community garden.

Hoffman said he expects the garden and other activities to help bond the university and community. "I've already seen more of a connection," he said, "and I anticipate that will only improve."

Harvey Meyer is an Academic Writer/Editor at Metropolitan State.

Metropolitan State students take on hunger and homelessness

by August Hoffman

Community service work: a problem in everyone's backyard.

Unfortunately the problem of homelessness and persons generally in need have increased significantly here in St. Paul, Minnesota. A recent survey conducted by the St. Paul Wilder Research Group estimates that the problem of homelessness has increased over 20% within the last year, and over 9,452 persons now are designated as homeless.

Civic engagement and community service volunteers are needed more than ever, yet attitudes of self-entitlement and increases in "blaming the victim" have hampered our efforts to reach the homeless. The economic recession has also exacerbated the problem of homelessness and decreased the number of items donated to the homeless. One increasingly effective method in addressing these problems is the development of a coalition among community members.

Students at Metropolitan State University enrolled in my graduate course in community psychology (Psy 602) have decided to try to help by contacting various sponsors and donors to organize nonperishable food items and basic grooming essentials (toothpaste, socks, underwear and deodorant) to help combat the problem.

Our psychology students have created a partnership with the First Lutheran Church at 463 Maria Avenue where on April 14, students sponsored a free community barbeque for the

homeless and the needy. All of the food items were donated by various agencies and businesses and were prepared by Metropolitan State University students for the community members. Additionally, our students organized a community basket that contained a variety of donated items to be used by the homeless community. The students have felt an enormous sense of pride and responsibility in helping people, which fits the theme of community psychology. The idea is one method of putting theory in psychology into action, and a great way for people to feel and experience a sense of social connectedness and responsibility. In my own view, the more opportunities that we create for people to help one another, the more likely we feel a sense of responsibility to each other. This will not only help reduce social problems such as those related to homelessness, but also can help people to understand each other and reduce antisocial behaviors (NIMBYism) and bias against underrepresented groups.

August Hoffman is an associate professor of psychology at Metropolitan State University.

WaterFest 2010 at Phalen Park

On Saturday, May 22, at the Phalen Park Pavilion, families from around the Twin Cities are invited to a day of lakeside fun at WaterFest 2010. Sponsored by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, the cities of St. Paul, Maplewood and North St. Paul and other partners, WaterFest



Hmong Youth Education Services in the former Margaret Rec Center

Partnering for Success with Hmong Youth Education Services

by Jennifer Marcus Newton

The last few years have played like a skipping record stuck on a tiresome tune of staff cuts and reduced services due to the City of St. Paul's budget deficit. Despite all the recent losses, Margaret Rec Center has gained a new dance partner: Hmong Youth Education Services (HYES).

In concert with the organization's move to its new home in Dayton's Bluff, HYES also expanded its Hmong youth focus to include all community youth. During one of many conversations with community members and city representatives prior to the partnership, Executive Director LiCho Xenexai put it this way: HYES is about helping kids envision successful futures for themselves by focusing on college prep and teaching life skills, like the art of self-discipline, as well as how to work independently and live responsibly. Further, HYES strives to provide academic support in the form of tutoring and mentoring to help kids fully realize their potential. Strengthening community by mentoring and empowering kids is an approach that really resonated with Margaret Rec Center community members. And if there's one thing Dayton's Bluff knows, it's potential.

Since the group's arrival in November last year, HYES has quite literally transformed the Margaret Rec Center by turning a bleak lower-level meeting room into a bright, modern computer lab outfitted with (you guessed it) computers. HYES has also installed fresh carpeting throughout the upper level, given a long-overdue scrub to the building's mechanicals and other neglected areas—including the infamous skylights—and generally breathed new life into a tired space. But the crescendo of improvements has to be the Hmong art collection that now adorns many walls throughout the center. The pieces don't just camouflage the bunker-like concrete walls; they weave a beautifully rich and complex story of our shared human condition.

HYES, located in the Margaret Rec Center at 1109 Margaret Street, is open weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm. Take advantage of free tutoring for grades 1 to 12 four days a week. Get together with pals for open gym a few days a week. Meet the fabulous HYES staff or join neighbors for the monthly Margaret Rec Center (MRC) Block Club meeting (second Thursday of the month). And don't forget to check out the artwork.

Jennifer Marcus Newton is a member of the MRC Block Club.

is a celebration of our clean lakes and an opportunity for hands-on learning about the water quality, wildlife, and special ecological features of our beautiful watershed.

Kick off WaterFest with a parade featuring students, clowns and mascots at 10:00 am. Enjoy activities throughout the day including:

- Fun 5K Walk/Run around Lake Phalen
- Raindrop Mystery Hunt for prizes
- Geocaching for water treasures
- Wilderness Inquiry Voyageur canoe rides
- Kids' fishing lessons and fish demonstrations
- Rain garden tours and native plant giveaways
- Raptors and other live animals
- Clowns, art and water games
- Student artistic, scientific and service project displays

- Professional exhibits on landscaping, shorelines, watersheds and ecosystems
- Street sweeper, snowplow and storm drain stenciling demonstrations
- Photos with LEAP Frog
- Food for sale at the Pavilion

Finally, Minnesota Renewable Energy Society will hold its 17th Annual Solar Boat Regatta on the beach from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See www.mnrenewables.org for more information.

Everyone can play a role in protecting our water resources. WaterFest 2010 will help families make the connection between activities in our neighborhoods and the health of local lakes, streams and wetlands.

This free event is also an opportunity to celebrate spring and enjoy one of the lakes that makes our area a great place to live!

For more information, call Louise Watson at 651-792-7956 or visit the website at www.rwmwd.org.

Dayton's Bluff During World War Two

By Steve Trimble

Since Memorial Day is observed in May, I thought this month's column should examine what was going on in our neighborhood during the Second World War. Another reason for this offering is the fact that I am currently doing research on the era for an upcoming article in *Ramsey County History*. So if any of you were in the community at the time or had relatives who lived here, I'd love to hear your stories or see photos. I can be reached at 651-774-2096 or by email at steve.trimble@gmail.com.

The sense that war was imminent began before the attack on Pearl Harbor. People were concerned with the German and Japanese invasions they followed in the newspaper and other media. There was plenty of debate over whether the United States should become involved and by October 1940 a military draft had been instituted and some neighborhood residents were already in the armed forces.

In the late summer and early fall of 1940, military matters came up when the workers at Seeger Refrigerator went out on strike. The company, for those who aren't familiar with it, was located on the Arcade Street site now occupied by Rainbow and a few other businesses. Seeger, one of the largest employers on the East Side, later merged with another concern and became Whirlpool.



Very little has been written about this labor-management conflict, but it turns out to have been the largest strike in St. Paul since the 1920's. The old contract had expired in June 1940 and negotiations over wages continued until the 1,500 members of the Refrigerator Workers, Local 20459 voted to walk off their jobs in September and set up picket lines.

There had been meetings with a federal labor conciliator and even Governor Stassen became involved. The military matter that arose was the need to finish an order that Seeger had to produce a large number of refrigeration units for the United States Army. Management suggested that the strike was hindering their preparedness plans.

The strikers countered the idea that they were hurting the nation's military buildup. They even offered to allow a skeleton force of workers to return and work on the Army cabinets to "counteract assertions that the strike is impeding national defense." The offer was not accepted and eventually the strike was settled, but not until late

October. As is usually the case, a compromise was reached and the workers did get a raise, but it was for somewhat less than they had been asking.

The war came home to America and the neighborhood on December 7, 1941, with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Interestingly, there was not much mention of the turn of military matters for the next two issues of the local newspaper. Instead, a late December issue of the *Booster* was filled with local events and a sizeable array of holiday parties and church services.

Two issues later, the paper published a letter from Walter Hammergren, who was stationed in Hawaii. It had been sent to his parents two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. "I'm perfectly well and am fairly safe. I don't know what to say as all our letters will be censored from now on," he said. "You people back there can't begin to realize just what it is actually like to be in an air raid under fire. I think I aged ten years in the last three days. Our morale is strong, and we all feel that we will win. . . . I promise to take care of myself and when this is all over I'll come home safe and sound. . . . Don't worry about my Christmas present; I will be home to get it next year. . . . Your loving son, Walter."

Shortly after the onset of the war, Harding High School, then located at the northeast corner of Third and Earl, began pitching in with ways to help the war effort. The first project announced in *The Beacon*, the school newspaper, was a government-sponsored effort to have students in science classes build model airplanes. Replicas of allied and enemy aircraft were needed to improve recognition and gunnery practice. This particular activity, it was announced, was only for boys. Female students were encouraged to make patriotic posters in art class and items needed by the Red Cross in home economics. One of their early projects was making up "utility kits" for soldiers. They included a diary, pencils, knives, combs, post cards, paper and envelopes, shaving cream, playing cards and a sewing case.

A group of Harding students was appointed in March 1942 to be part of a "War Council" to oversee the defense projects of various clubs and to help plan new war duties for the school. They soon decided on four major projects that would be pushed. The first was creation of a "Service Flag" that would list the names of all "Hardingites" who were in the armed services. The next was selling defense stamps in all of the classes. The third was the collection of all sorts of waste



paper, including lunch bags, that would be baled into bundles with a machine loaned to them by a local business. Finally, they urged students to participate in scrap metal drives.

It was not only students who participated in scrap drives. Area residents

brought in metal, tires and other items made of rubber, newspapers, and participated in a recycling effort that makes what we do today look fairly insignificant. They were affected by the rationing of a variety of things such as sugar, chocolate, meat and gasoline. Eddie Velat, owner of the Radio Theater on East 7th, told the *Booster* that in July women would get in for free if they brought in any old aluminum pot or pan that could be used by the U. S. defense program.

Quite a few families had multiple members in the military. In 1943, one was headed up by Mrs. Eliason of 1069 Hudson Road. The paper called her "Dayton's Bluff's No. 1 War Mother." Three of her sons, Clarence, Lawrence and Harold—better known locally as Pug, Monk and Shorty—had all left their jobs at a South St. Paul packing plant and were now in the Army. Don, a fourth son, had also signed up but his entry was deferred until his graduation from Macalester College.

Two of the large neighborhood employers quickly shifted their work force into war activities, but each took a somewhat different approach. When the war began, the manufacture of refrigerators ceased and by 1942 Seeger began to produce military goods. Its assembly line began to manufacture stainless steel "ammunition chutes," which fed projectiles into guns and metal boxes used to store ammunition belts for machine guns. They also worked on bomb racks for airplanes, parachute flares, bazooka nozzles, precision aircraft parts and huge coolers used by the U. S. Navy. To keep up, they worked around the clock in three shifts.

The Second World War brought a bit of a crisis to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, the original name of 3M. The company had to quickly adapt its existing product line. Unlike Seeger, which shifted to totally new products, 3M built on its traditional adhesives and abrasives, and the company came up with a hundred kinds of tape designed specifically for use during the war.

Masking tape, for instance, was essential while painting ships, planes and tanks. Many adhesives—some old, some newly developed—were used on airplanes and ships. One of the new products was "Safety Walk," a granulated coated sheeting material that made walking on wet ship decks and airplane wings safer. Reflective sheeting was used on life boat paddles to help search planes find downed fliers and navy personnel.

As most people know, the need for employees brought many women into the workforce. The St. Paul war work emergency committee was looking for thousands of workers in early 1945. Almost 2,000 Minnesota Mining employees had gone into the armed services and the plant was scrambling to fill their places. The company announced that it was increasing its production of abrasives and adhesives and needed 80 men and 120 more women "to operate rolling, punching and slitting machines."

There were over 250 Hamm's employees in the armed forces. Over 100 women were now working there, especially in the ice plant and bottling house "and they are doing a highly satisfying job." Almost every one of

them was a wife of a service man, "but of course they will be replaced by the boys in the service when they return." Incidentally, the brewery received contracts to produce millions of cans of beer to send overseas.

Harding High School activities began reflecting the soon-to-end war. In December 1944 two Japanese-Americans came to the school. They spoke about the relocations and life in the interment camps. Miss Olka Selke brought contemporary issues into her English courses, having students hold debates on military conscription, conscientious objectors, democracy in high school and post-war employment for soldiers.

As the war moved towards an end, there were predictions for the following years. Seeger was looking forward to being able to produce for the civilian market. "Frozen fresh foods at your fingertips all year. A dream? Not at all," a March 1945 magazine said. "When the war is won, Seeger Refrigerator Co. will make your dream a reality. Yes, you'll be serving your family summer-fresh foods . . . in a 'Seeger Freezer' storage cabinet."

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A 3M company publication in May, 1945 commented on the steady growth in employment and production during the war period. "This growth has been due in a large measure to the fact that 3M products were urgently needed by war industries." They then correctly predicted that "most of these products have peacetime uses as well, and we are making definite plans for expansion following the war."

Finally, the neighborhood newspaper looked to a future era of prosperity. "During the four years of war, America was deprived of most of its needs for normal civilian life," an article in late December of 1945 said. But now "factories will be running at top speed for many years to catch up with the times" and "home building . . . to meet modern demands will take years to accomplish."

And the paper was right. The post-war era and the 1950's were times of prosperity for most people. Seeger, 3M, Hamm's and other businesses expanded and people could find good, stable jobs that let families live comfortably with only one person working. But that's another story. And don't forget—if you or someone you know can add to our knowledge of our community in the war years, please contact me.

Local businessman celebrates first anniversary at new location

by Ed Lambert
District Council Executive Director



Juan Cervantes is celebrating the first year anniversary of the reopening of his business, now located at 391 Ruth Street, off I-94. In 2003, Juan became the state's first Latino State Farm agent. Of all the location options he had at that time, he decided the East Side was where he wanted to own his business.

A long-term resident of Dayton's Bluff, Juan attended local schools: Mounds Park Elementary, Mounds Park Junior High and Harding High School. After graduating from Harding, he worked for a couple of years at Labelle's on Burns Avenue.

He received his undergraduate degree from Macalester in 1984. After serving a few years in the social services area, Juan was recruited by CHUBB Group of Insurance Companies in 1988, working out of the downtown Minneapolis office. During his tenure at CHUBB, Juan worked as a systems analyst and project manager and served two years in Mexico City where he was Operations Director.

In 1995, Juan was recruited by St. Paul Companies as their Multicultural Sales Manager. He worked there until after receiving his master's degree from the University of St. Thomas in 2001.

Juan left St. Paul Companies in 2002, when he joined State Farm. He obtained various certifications and licenses at the state and federal level

to be eligible to open his business.

In 2003, he opened the doors to his State Farm Agency at 1694 Suburban Avenue, next to Target off White Bear Avenue. He maintained that address through his five-year lease until he moved his operation to its present location.

Juan has always had bilingual teammates; his office can handle English, Hmong and Spanish. With more than 20 years of insurance experience he is committed to serving the East Side community. He says that "if anyone has insurance questions or concerns, please feel free to call, whether you are State Farm customers or not." Stop by and visit his office or call 651 793-0777.

Monthly community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting is Thursday, May 6, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street. The council holds a community meeting on the first Thursday of most months.

The object is to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other issues, concerns or new ideas for improving Dayton's Bluff

If addresses of problem properties are submitted before the meeting, they will be sent to police and code enforcement officers who will research the properties and bring relevant information to the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend. Contact Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call 651-772-2075.

Police community meetings

The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne Avenue at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are on Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, May 21, at 9:30 am. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Block club meetings

Wilson Avenue Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday



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of each month at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, at Earl and Euclid.

Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Recreation Center, at Margaret and Frank Street. This block club encompasses Seventh, Ross, Bush, and Reaney streets and Minnehaha Avenue.

Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Margaret and Forest. This block club covers Minnehaha, Beech, Margaret, Sixth, Fifth and Fourth between Cypress and Arcade.

Frank Street Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at Immanuel City of Refuge Healing Temple, at 815 Frank Street. This block club encompasses Seventh, Ross, Bush, and Reaney streets and Minnehaha Avenue between Earl and Johnson Parkway.

Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club meets monthly in the summer. This block club is bounded by 3rd and Maple streets and I-94. Contact Sherry Johnson at sherryjohnson@gmail.com for the time and place of the May meeting.

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.

How to choose exterior paint colors

Do you want to improve the way the outside of your house looks? If you're a do-it-yourself type person, painting all or parts of your house is one of the least expensive ways to accomplish this.

Start by looking at the houses on both sides of your home. You want to choose colors that won't clash with your neighbors' homes and colors. Also, think about the view from across the street. After all, your neighbors will have to look at your home a lot more than you will.

Take photos of all the houses with paint colors that you find appealing. Another great place to get ideas for exterior paint colors is your local paint store. Here you can pick up exterior paint brochures with pre-selected siding, trim and accent

colors schemes. These were chosen by the "experts" and generally should look good. If you want historically correct colors, most paint stores have brochures for that too. Just make sure you choose colors you really like. Choose the main color first, then the trim color and lastly your accent color.

Another cue as to what color paint to use is your roof color. For example, if your roof is brown, choose warm colored paints. If your home has brick or stone, take your color cues from these.

Remember to highlight any decorative trim/ornamentation on your home by painting it an accent color. If your home has no ornamentation, you could paint the aluminum window frames the accent color to add interest. Just be sure to lightly sand the aluminum first.

It's very important to prepare your home for the paint. Scrape off any loose paint. A pressure washer works well to get off the dirt and grunge but let your house dry in the sun for a few days before you paint. Then it's time to prime any exposed wood. Primer can be tinted to match new exterior paint color. Choose semi-gloss paint for main color and gloss for window trims, doors, columns and fascia.

Consumer Reports reported in its May 4, 2009, issue that that big box brand paints sold at Walmart and Lowe's, like Kilz and Valspar, performed as well as or better than several more expensive brands.

Don't forget to look online for paint color ideas. Some paint companies have websites (<http://colorjive.com/home.action>) that will let you download a picture of your home and try out different colors. Sounds like fun to me!

If you can't afford to paint your home, then maybe just paint the front door or shutters a great color. You can get free interior and exterior paint at the household hazardous waste collection site on Empire Drive in St. Paul.

This article was written by a 5th Street resident with 24 years of experience in the decorating field. It had to be abridged for space reasons, but can be read in its entirety in the online supplement at www.daytonsbluff.org.



Gathering springtime compost at the Ramsey county yard waste site at Frank Street and Sims Avenue. The site is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It accepts brush and yard waste and has compost available for pick-up.

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Congratulations, Johnson!

The St. Paul Johnson (SPJ) boys basketball team culminates their undefeated season at 32-0 by winning the Minnesota State High School League Championship.

Regime Gym Rats set to continue winning tradition

A great future is brewing at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center (DBRC). A basketball team that will undoubtedly be an upcoming part of SPJ or other great schools: The Regime Gym Rats. Under the tutelage of coach Carlos Stewart, this team of 6th-graders has been excelling in their endeavors at basketball, as well as learning something about themselves. Carlos and his Gym Rats have been together for a year and have won several tournaments,



▲The Regime Gym Rats

including the MYAS (Minnesota Youth Athletic Services) state championship and the St. Paul Recreation League championship. Carlos has built quite a program working with these boys while wearing many hats: coach, brother, mentor, cab driver, babysitter, counselor and friend.

The team came together by chance. Some go to Dayton's Bluff Elementary, some live in the neighborhood, but all hang out at DBRC, where they met Carlos. He turned all this restless energy into a winning team. It has been a tiring joy to help Carlos bring a new world to them: discipline, teamwork, camaraderie, respect for others and themselves, self-confidence, fun, and much more.

Several of the boys who are already part of the Johnson Governors basketball program have been coached by Carlos and are doing well in school, basketball and finding the better part of themselves. We are proud of Darius Watson, Devonta Durr, Douglas Siedschlag, Quashingm Smith-Pugh, and Shelby Ashford.

I have been a witness to the growth of these boys and it overwhelms me to see their accomplishments and I look forward to seeing even more.

— Annabelle Siedschlag, teen club leader and Gym Rat mom

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Dayton's Bluff annual spring dinner

by Margie Smith

On Saturday, May 22, the annual Dayton's Bluff spring dinner will take place.

Want to get to know folks and get connected to the people in our area? Join the annual neighborhood party that moves from location to location.

We are looking for participants, but greatly need hosts and homes to be our buffet dining sites. Typically, the evening is divided into three events: appetizers, desserts, plus one home for the all-participant session that is the finale.

The first dinner was held in the early 1990's with about a dozen people and since then, this event has become very popular! Now more than 50 people participate. It's a great way to meet, greet and mingle with your neighbors. The more people we can get together, the more the event has to offer.

Participants should be at least 21 years of age and residents of the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood. Interested? Contact Marjorie Smith, event coordinator, at 651 778-1075.

Twin Cities Academy High School

By June Bennett

District Council Admin. Asst.

"Kids don't listen but they do watch your actions," says Elizabeth Wynne, principal of Twin Cities Academy High School (TCAHS) for 11 years.

She is concerned that some of the

children have had little experience with success and she wants TCAHS to change that model.



Elizabeth Wynne, TCAHS principal

At TCAHS, a charter school now located in the former Church of the Sacred Heart school, the program emphasizes rigorous academics, active community involvement and active citizenship.

Students are involved with volunteering at nursing homes and food shelves and other projects. One of the current community efforts is the seniors' class project, Art in the Hollow: Swede Hollow Plein Air Art Fest to be held on Saturday, May 22 (see related article on page 7).

With 300 enrolled students and 25 teachers, TCAHS has enrollees from all areas of Minnesota. The school has received a number of awards, including the Award of Excellence from the Freedom to Learn, Vision for New Urban Schools organization, has received a five-star rating from the state Department of Education and has met the Adequate Yearly Progress benchmark four years in a row.

TCAHS is committed to enhancing the capacity of young adults to lead in an ever-changing world through aca-

demic rigor, leadership development and character building, and to empower young adults to become tomorrow's leaders, thereby making a difference in the world they live in.

For more information about the school, call 651 205-4797 or visit its website at www.tcahs.k12.mn.us

Letter to the editor

East Side sucker punched again

A year or so ago I wrote a letter pointing out that the school closings were proportionately much higher in our communities.

The school board invented the term "repurposing" to avoid the "c" word. Then, more recently, several recreation centers were "repartnered" and the East Side's loss was much greater than in the prosperous areas. If I recall, I suggested that we should watch out or the school board might take another run at Sheridan Elementary.

Unfortunately, I was right. The Superintendent has announced a proposal to close eight schools and Sheridan Elementary is again on the chopping block. Even more startling is the fact that half of the closings were to be on the East Side and this area is only one third of the city. The other three casualties will be Ames Elementary, Prosperity Heights Ele-

mentary and Hazel Park Middle School. Seems a little unfair, don't you think?

What's next? Quit sweeping East Side streets to save money? Sell off some of our neighborhood parks? Isn't it about time to get together and say "We aren't going to take it any more"?

G. B. LeRoy

Community Design Center spring garden programs



Since 1996 the Community Design Center has engaged youth from St. Paul's East Side in sustainable urban agriculture. They operate seven organic vegetable, herb and flower gardens with a variety of partners hosting the gardens.

The Community Design Center, at 731 East 7th Street, has a lot to offer this spring. It will host a volunteer planting on May 22, as well as other dates, and invites neighbors to join in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) movement.

For \$110, CSA members receive a weekly bag of vegetables, herbs and recipes from June 17 to August 26. Check out the Design Center's website at www.comdesignctrmn.org for more information about its programs.

Dayton's Bluff Recycling

Pick-up in our area is every Tuesday. Please have your recycling at the curb by 7 am.



Mounds Theatre



Starting Gate's Final Season

Starting Gate Productions' eighth and final season, its fifth at the Mounds Theatre, closes this spring with "Our Country's Good" written by Timberlake Wertenbaker

It's a play-within-a-play that takes place in June 1789 in the Australian penal colony that was later to become the city of Sydney. A marine lieutenant decides to put on a play to celebrate the king's birthday, casting the English convicts who populate the prison camp. It is a story about justice and the redeeming power of theater.

The play runs from April 23 through May 16. Show times are 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00 pm, Sundays. Pay What You Can Night is Monday, May 3, at 7:30 pm. An audio description performance is Sunday, May 9, at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$16 students and seniors. Call 651-645-3503 for tickets.

Geek Pride Day

The Mounds invites everyone who is a geek and proud to attend Geek Pride Day on Tuesday, May 25, from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm. The celebration will feature fan films and surprise screenings, as well as a contest for the best costume. Popcorn, candy and soda pop will be available at the concession stand.

The event is free, but a donation to help pay for the use of the theater would be greatly appreciated by the Mounds.

The Monster of Phantom Lake

On Wednesday, May 26, the Mounds Theatre will show *The Monster of Phantom Lake*, hosted by Dr. Ivan Cryptosis. The movie is local director Christopher Mihm's homage to the classic black-and-white monster movie genre.

The event is from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm; the movie starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$5. Reasonably priced concessions will be available. For more information visit www.sainteuphoria.com/tmopl.

Mounds Theatre/Portage for Youth Summer Camp

The Portage for Youth summer camp will run for six weeks, from June 21 to July 30. Registration is now open for kids ages 8 to 12 and is free for all.

Scheduled classes include:

Dance: 10:30 am–12:30 pm

Lunch: 12:30 pm–1:00 pm

Theater: 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Dance students gain a basic understanding of creative movement and will learn to create performance pieces that reflect their personal expressions and incorporate physical movements, increasing flexibility.

Theater students will study acting, singing, movement and set design and will read from scripts to build literacy skills and gain self-confidence in performing and speaking in front of groups and individuals.

Transportation and lunches are the participant's responsibility. All summer camp students are asked to bring a bag lunch/drink and snack. Students must be picked up from the theater by 3:00 pm.

Please call 651-772-8674 for an application form or go online at www.moundstheatre.org for a printed form.

Theater information

All performances of the play and the movie are at the Historic Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minnesota 55106. For more information, contact www.moundstheatre.org or 651-772-2253.

Take-a-Hike on May 1

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hikes will be Saturday, May 1 and June 5. Hikers meet at 10:30 am in Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard. The route winds through local parks and trails to end up at the new East Side Heritage Park. Along the way hikers will share stories and learn some of the local history. The hike is about four miles long with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available to return to Indian Mounds Park, if needed.

For more information contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@Daytons-bluff.org.

Art in the Hollow: Swede Hollow Plein Air Art Fest

By the TCAHS Senior Class

The senior class of Twin Cities Academy High School (TCAHS) is creating an exciting event in Swede Hollow Park. The event, billed as the "Plein Air Art Fest," will feature a wide variety of artists showing off their talents, all within the boundaries of beautiful Swede Hollow Park. This

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is a family event and all are welcome to enjoy the talents of these artists and the company of friends on Saturday, May 22, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The day of the event will be full of different sights to see and sounds to hear. The artists will be showing off their crafts, ranging from poetry and instrument playing to painting and photography. All involved will make sure that this event will be enjoyable for those with an eye for art, and those who just want to have a good time.

"This is something that we're all happy to be a part of," says one senior. "A mission of our school is to become more involved in the community and we feel that this is a very good way to start to accomplish that mission." "I'm super excited about this art fair," says senior Andrea Nicholson. "We have been working really hard and I think that it will be a great success and it will be cool to see the end product."

Along with being able to appreciate the artists, sidewalk chalk will be provided so children can have fun

making art as well. Other activities for children will be planned, including face painting and crafts. If one wants to learn more about the area, former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's Brewery employees love to come back to Swede Hollow and share stories about this picturesque valley.

TCAHS is a senior high charter school located at 835 East 5th Street that works to empower young adults to become tomorrow's leaders, thereby making a difference in the world they live in.

Art in the Hollow: Swede Hollow Plein Air Art Fest is hosted by the senior class at TCAHS and the Friends of Swede Hollow. Other partners include Water & Oil Gallery, and the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. For more information, email ArtintheHollow@gmail.com or call 651 776-0550.

One day—one bike trail—two events

The Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary will hold an open house from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the same day as the Plein Air Art Fest (see above article) on Saturday, May 22. People are encouraged to ride their bikes to both events—some will be riding all the way in from Pine Point Park near Stillwater. Costa Rican coffee will be a highlight of both events. Both will sponsor a fun passbook for visitors to check in at activities at both parks in order to complete the passbook. For more information call 651-776-0550.

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Home renewal showcase May 4

by Jean Comstock

"Guess what I found when I opened up the wall . . . ?"

Join us to tell tales of renovating, restoring, remodeling, and even what you think may have turned into a remuddling. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is hosting its eighth annual Home Renewal Showcase (formerly known as the Dayton's Bluff Preservation Evening).

We'll gather at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday, May 4, in the third floor community room (Room 302) of Metropolitan State University/Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, to talk about our experiences—sharing photos, blueprints, stories, and advice. In past years, we've seen how imaginative painting can make a small room grow, heard the options besides sanding after you've torn up carpeting, learned how to work with a contractor, and seen how a neighbor actually raised the roof.

We invite you to come whether you've already done work on your home, are in the midst of a project, are actively planning for the future or just find yourself imagining what's possible. We love to see photos, so please bring them either singly to pass around, in an album or on poster board. There are even facilities to show a presentation from a laptop. (But please let us know ahead of time if you'd like to do this so we can ensure the proper equipment is available.)

Refreshments will be served and, due to closing time at the university, we can promise you'll be heading home by 8:00, full of new knowledge and enthusiasm to tackle all those projects of your own.

Call Karin at 651-772-2075 or email her at karin@daytonsbluff.org if you would like to share a project or for more information.

Jean Comstock is a board member of the Dayton's Bluff District Council.

Seventh annual plant sale and exchange

The Annual Greening Dayton's Bluff Plant Sale and Exchange will be held on Saturday, May 8, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the corner of East 7th Street and Bates in the gardens outside the Swede Hollow Café.

If you have plants in your garden that have outgrown themselves or that you're just tired of, bring them to the plant exchange and take home something new and interesting. For more

information contact Karin at Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call 651-772-2075.

Welcome new neighbors meeting

If you have a new neighbor or if you are a newer Dayton's Bluff resident, you are invited to come to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council meeting room at 798 East 7th Street on Monday, May 31, at 6:30 pm. Come and meet other residents and learn more about Dayton's Bluff and the opportunities here. This is one of the ways we welcome new neighbors to Dayton's Bluff. Long- and short-term residents are also welcome to come and help welcome our new neighbors.

When people are new in a community they wonder where things like the nearest YMCA, recreation centers, schools, restaurants, or parks and trails can be found. The new neighbor welcome is also an opportunity to learn a little Dayton's Bluff history. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to sign up, email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

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Garden tours anyone?

Greening Dayton's Bluff is in the process of planning garden tours. Last year the organization sponsored tours in the 4th and Bates area, Margaret Rec Center Block Club area, Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club area and the Upper Swede Hollow neighborhood. If you would like to have a garden tour in your neighborhood email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Time to start planning National Night Out

On the first Tuesday of each August, National Night Out is celebrated nationwide. This year, the event will be held on Tuesday, August 3, and will be the 27th annual celebration.

It's a chance to get together with neighbors and build community. Neighbors who know each other and work together have safer and stronger

communities in which to live and raise families.

Events can be held anytime during the day, afternoon or evening. Whichever works for you and your neighborhood, the event can be as simple or elaborate as you choose. It could include root beer floats or lemonade, sharing a potluck dinner, planning games or activities or something as simple as using sidewalk chalk to draw pictures about what community looks like on your block. Another way to celebrate National Night Out in your area is to promote turning on the outside lights at every home from dusk to dawn. In St. Paul, the city will provide barricades for your street if you submit the application form signed by 60% of your neighbors by July 27.

If you are thinking about organizing an event on your block be sure to attend the National Night Out kick-off picnic at Phalen Park on Wednesday, June 2, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information on this and other National Night Out activities, visit the St. Paul website, <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3062> or visit the national website at www.natw.org. You can also contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or email Karin@Daytonsbluff.org

Lemonade Day is May 2

by June Bennett
District Council Admin. Asst.

What is Lemonade Day? It's a free citywide event designed to teach Twin Cities youth how to start, own and operate their own lemonade busi-

ness. Kids from K-12 learn the fundamentals of sound business and financial management including how to create a budget, purchase supplies, serve a customer, set profit-making goals and repay investors. Like any good business, Lemonade Day entrepreneurs are encouraged to give back some of their proceeds to a charitable cause of their choice. They can keep the remaining profits.

Lemonade Day is simple. Just follow the steps at www.twincities.lemonadeday.org to begin your journey or call June at 651-772-2075 if you have any questions. A caring adult in your life should be able to help mentor you as you create your business. On May 2, set up your stand and be sure to let everyone know your location. Last but not least, begin to enjoy the rewards of your hard work.

Lemonade Day requires a partnership of community leaders, sponsors, volunteers and underwriters. It incorporates every aspect of the community, including families, business, youth organizations, community-based groups and schools.

Registrants will receive a fun backpack with an interactive workbook to get them started.

So on May 2, plan on either selling lemonade or buying lemonade.

Magnet school powwow

The American Indian Magnet School is having a powwow on Friday, May 28, to celebrate the end of the school year and to thank families for their continued involvement. The powwow is at the school at 1075 East 3rd Street. There are two grand entries, one at 1:30 pm. and another at 6:15 pm, and a feast at 5:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call 651-778 3100.

Boulevard gardens

Interested in creating a boulevard garden? "Up front" gardening is becoming popular as people realize they can get great sun, more space, and the chance to share their gardens with the neighborhood. Find information online at <http://www.mppeace.org/downloads/boulevard.pdf> or at www.stpaul.gov. You can also email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075 for more information.

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