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STORIES FROM NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Photo by Karin duPaul
Cypress Street and Wilson Avenue



Photo by Karin DuPaul
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sherry Johnson—Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club

Neighbors turned out to showcase their various cooking talents in our little corner of the bluff. ArtMobile graced us with its presence, helping our little ones with craft spoon puppets. My son still plays with his!

Of course, we also had the regular turnout of law enforcement and emergency services folks. A state senate campaign stopped in, as well.

Altogether, it was an informal, pleasant time of chitchat and community building. Most importantly, I think we might be building toward a bigger party in the fall or spring; we seem to have a great Jamaican-food aficionado amongst us!

Sage Holben—4th Street and Bates

This was our second NNO in the almost ten years that I've lived on the block. Like last year, it was very well attended. Earlier in the day, adults and children painted a mural in the intersection.

Tug Boat Tony (Dave Wiley) charmed adults and kids with his balloon craft. Almost anything a child could name, Tug Boat Tony could create. Officer Tamm was the first of several police and fire units to visit. Kids loved to examine handcuffs, use the siren and lights, and especially the speaker. From street slang to raspy, low-voiced, "get down on the street, man, right now," it was better than karaoke for some.

The fire trucks and police vehicles all offered opportunity for kids to climb, ask questions, and pretend. Face painting was contributed by Dayton's Bluff Rec Center; Niki Rodewald provided hot dogs and hamburgers; Phoenix Market donated juice boxes and Dave Valentine provided soda and water to our large crowd.

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New business association to host first public event

by Tabitha Benci deRango

On Tuesday, September 14, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, the new Dayton's Bluff Business Association (DBBA) will host its first major event. Entitled "Keys to the Community," it will be held at the Mounds Theatre.



The theater is home to Portage for Youth and is a beautifully restored art deco building with a truly cozy setting for socializing. It is located on

Hudson Road a half block west of Earl Street. The purpose of this free event is to introduce you to the businesses that are operating in your area. Also these business entities can network with one another and get an understanding of how they are connected or can apply themselves together.

Exposure for diverse businesses in Dayton's Bluff

This event is inspired by the fact that many of us tend to seek services and shopping outside our general area and are unaware of the incredible amount of diverse businesses that exist here in Dayton's Bluff.

Browse from booth to booth to take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet local business owners and ask

questions about their products and services.

Prizes and raffle

Raffle donations are given by each business and the prizes are amazing! How would you like to win a gift certificate to The Strip Club restaurant, or a massage by Susan Tietjen? How about theater tickets, tool kits, child-care, floral arrangements, Yoga and Karate classes at Midwest Karate? And the list goes on.

Come and bring your neighbors. Enjoy some music, some popcorn, some prizes and some good company. Win prizes and participate in the growth of your community.

Tabitha Benci deRango runs Bluffside Daycare and is a founding member of DBBA.

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Elecciones del consejo de Dayton's Bluff

¡Haga oír SU voz en nuestra comunidad!

Las elecciones del consejo de Dayton's Bluff tendrá lugar en octubre. Usted debe presentarse a las elecciones del 16 de agosto al 20 de septiembre. Los candidatos pueden tener cualquier edad, y deben vivir en Dayton's Bluff, o deben poseer o operar un negocio en Dayton's Bluff, o deben poseer propiedad en Dayton's Bluff.

Una reunión informativa tendrá lugar a las 7:00 de la noche, Miér-

coles, 08 de septiembre a 798 East 7th Street, St. Paul.

CLUES celebrates 29th anniversary

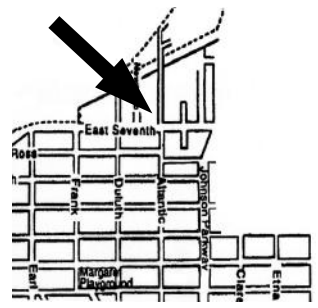
Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) is celebrating its 29th anniversary on September 1 with an event at the Town and Country Club. Janet Murguía, president and CEO of the National Council of La Raza will be the keynote speaker.

The CLUES St. Paul office is at 797 East 7th Street, across from the Dayton's Bluff district council office.

Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup & FREE Stuff Area

Saturday, September 11, 2010

9:00 am. to Noon



Ray Anderson & Sons
933 Atlantic (North of East 7th St. at Atlantic
and Phalen Corridor)

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; \$5 per truck tire

Electronics: \$10 to \$25 depending on the item.

Fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, bicycles, demolition debris, clean wood, concrete/rocks are also accepted.

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 9, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 13. Cost \$25 for one appliance, \$10 for each additional appliance. There is an extra fee of \$5 for each air conditioner and water softener.

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 railroad ties or chemically treated wood

No appliances: Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 9, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 13. Cost \$25/1st appliance, \$10/each additional appliance (there is a \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner and water softener). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, water softeners 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 reuse 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. If 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 Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of St. 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 council at 651-772-2075.

Summer garden tours

by Angela DuPaul



Minnesota . . . or New Mexico?

Dayton's Bluff has been showing off its best gardens in a recent series of garden tours. One of the popular tours centered around 4th Street and Bates Avenue. A garden there features a goldfish pond with a short length of pipe where the fish can hide from birds and cats. Another gardener showed how she is coping with this year's frequent rainfall cascading off the roof. A house on 4th Street featured an intriguing collection of modern garden ornaments. Yet another garden included something unexpected: cacti.

Another tour began at Skidmore Park, a previously little-known city park created in 1884. Situated mid-block on 4th Street between Earl and Hancock streets, the park had no signage and was often mistaken for a vacant lot. This year neighbors created a community garden by building raised garden beds. A person wanting to use a bed had to actually build the stone walls. Aided by the city's installation of a drinking fountain/water spigot, the results are impressive. By the late July evening of the tour, crops including corn, squash and tomatoes were looking very healthy. The back part of the park, with massive cottonwood trees, has been left open for public use.



Photo by Angela DuPaul
Skidmore Park Community Garden

From there the tour went to a defunct mini-golf course on a triangle of land at 3rd and Hancock. The holes are still in the concrete, some sprouting clover. The outlines of a couple of ponds are visible. Tour participants stood there imagining out loud what could be done to restore the site. After that, the tour took in the results of several homeowners' hard work. One yard had the most amazing old lilac bush with a thick gnarled, twisted trunk. The tour ended with refreshments in a lovely garden setting.

The garden tours will resume next summer.

Angela DuPaul is a former resident of Dayton's Bluff and is working on a book on the history of the area.

For more garden pictures, see the "Gardens" link at www.daytonsbuff.org.

El equipo de energía de vivienda busca a 200 dueños de casa en Dayton's Bluff para economizar energía

por Mary Morse

traducido por José Luis Morales

¿Los pagos de energía son muy altos? ¿El aire caliente (o frío) se le filtra por las puertas? ¡Le tenemos buenas noticias! HES viene a Dayton's Bluff para ayudar a reducir sus pagos y hacer de su casa más confortable en una sola visita. Este equipo ha ayudado a más de 1.700 dueños de casa de St. Paul a reducir sus pagos hasta de \$192 al año. El equipo de energía HES es un programa patrocinado por Xcel Energy y una organización sin fines de lucro basada en St. Paul llamado Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC).

El 21 de septiembre Usted está invitado por el Metro Clean Energy Resource Team y Dayton's Bluff Community Council a un taller del equipo de HES. El taller se va a realizar en la oficina que está en el 798 E. 7th Street (frente al Consulado de México) de las 6:30 a las 8:00 de la noche. En este taller Usted puede conocer al equipo y aprender más sobre como reducir el consumo de energía en su propia casa. Participando en este taller, Usted puede calificar para una cita del equipo que puede hacer en su hogar. En el taller Usted puede pedir al equipo que visite su casa. Las visitas son de unos noventa minutos. Dos o tres especialistas profesionales podrán instalar medidores

de energía y Usted podrá comenzar a reducir su consumo de energía de una manera rápida tan pronto que los instalen. El equipo sella la fuga o entrada de aire de las puertas exteriores, pone bombillos eficientes y le programa el termostato.

Por asistir el taller de HES el 21 de septiembre, puede participar en el Programa de HES por menos de \$30. Si Usted califica, la visita es completamente gratis. Invertir en mejoras de casa para reducir el uso de energía es una decisión inteligente y económica. Viva su vida eficiente y confortable. Gracias al apoyo de Xcel Energy nunca ha sido más fácil. Para mayor información acerca de la NEC o el HES visita la página de internet, www.thenec.org, o para hacer una cita, llame al 651-328-6220. El equipo HES habla español y hmong.

El Consejo de la Comunidad de Dayton's Bluff promueve la conservación de energía en el barrio con la ayuda de la ciudad de St. Paul y el Departamento de energía por el American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Mary Morse es Directora de Desarrollo y Comunicaciones de la NEC.

Home Energy Squad seeks 200 houses for energy savings

See the ad on page 4 for details on the Home Energy Squad workshop on September 21 at the Dayton's Bluff district council office. For more information call 651-328-6220 or visit www.thenec.org.

Metropolitan State University sponsors second annual Day of Service

by Harvey Meyer

Underscoring a commitment to community, Metropolitan State University faculty, staff and students will again participate in a day of service benefiting the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and beyond.

Officially, Wednesday, September 8, has been designated the university's second annual United We Serve Day of Service. Metropolitan State's Center for Community-Based Learning (CCBL) is coordinating the event, which marks a response to President Barack Obama's 2009 call for Americans to serve the country by volunteering in community-service projects.

"The Day of Service enables our faculty, staff and students to learn more about service opportunities and the organizations that serve Twin Cities-area communities, especially the East Side," said Evelyn Rolloff, assistant CCBL director. "In the process, many become more connected with the local community."

Volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the day at 12 community-service organizations, including nine East Side sites. Projects ranging from planting community gardens and wildflowers to performing handyman chores to sorting donated books will occur at a variety of sites, including Metropolitan State's Saint Paul Campus, Books for Africa, East Side community garden sites and Merrick Community Services.

Later in the week, on Friday, Sept. 10, the university will again present "Remembering 9/11," an event offering opportunities to both reflect on the September 11, 2001, tragedy and the value of community service. Friends and family members of Tom Burnett, Jr., a former Bloomington resident who was killed on 9/11, are scheduled to discuss how they transformed a family tragedy into a legacy that involves educating young people about good citizenship. The noon event at the Saint Paul Campus auditorium is free and open to the public.

At last year's Day of Service, 70 faculty, staff and students volunteered their services. Those activities garnered "very positive feedback," both from the volunteers and the community-service organizations they assisted, said Rolloff. Many of the volunteers offered a helping hand well beyond the Day of Service.

Rolloff noted that commitment to community is a founding value at Metropolitan State. In fact, "a demonstrated, unwavering commitment to civic engagement" is enshrined in the university's vision statement.

"The volunteering done by the university's faculty, staff and students on the East Side and in Dayton's Bluff is substantial," observed Ed Lambert, executive director of the Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council. "They are a reliable and continuous source of committed and creative volunteers, and we appreciate their efforts."

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

New housing loan program

by Ed Lambert

District Council executive director

Investing in St. Paul just got a lot easier due to a new housing loan program now available in Dayton's Bluff and elsewhere in the city.

SHOP (Sustainable Home Ownership Program); a nonprofit mortgage broker, is a revitalized program of the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation in partnership with the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Service.

Simpler paperwork

SHOP has now put together in one place a simple and effective way to package a housing purchase loan with



Nicole Duran, SHOP program

a rehab loan, and help homebuyers get into some great properties needing repairs or remodeling. One loan, one closing, one housing payment; you buy "as is," and close "as is," yet get professional help to finish the rehab work.

Rehab costs estimates

Purchase/rehab loans have been hard to get, and hard to close on, due to uncertainty about the actual cost of

the needed rehab as well as uncertainty about getting the work fully completed and on budget. The mortgage foreclosure crisis has put lots of good homes on the market, but many are in need of repairs and/or rehab due to the absence of a caring owner.

Prices have come down and buyers are snatching up some great deals; yet the ones needing obvious repairs or rehab have not sold as easily. This new SHOP program enables homebuyers to get at these properties with confidence; and also obtain access to some of the best overall bargains available . . . single-family home purchase/rehab opportunities.

SHOP's primary mission is to provide high quality mortgage broker services and products to underserved populations and help revitalize low and moderate-income communities—especially those affected by high numbers of mortgage foreclosures like Dayton's Bluff. Yet SHOP is a full service mortgage broker, offering a wide variety of mortgage lending programs, including FHA, VA and conventional loans.

Contract for deed available

SHOP also offers affordable housing loans via St. Paul's City Living program; *and* have a unique contract for deed program in Dayton's Bluff that allows a purchase while buyers repair their credit and finances. Once their financial house is in order, the buyers, with SHOP's help can refinance into a regular mortgage a few years later.

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Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ is a distribution partner for Fare For All Express, a cooperative food-buying program that offers fresh produce and quality meats at a savings of up to 50 percent off retail prices. It's open to all with no qualifying requirements or pre-registration. Fare For All affordable groceries are available for purchase on select Wednesdays each month from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church, located at 1831 E. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul.

Upcoming drop-in distribution events are September 1 and 29, Octo-

ber 27 and November 24. Cash, credit cards, EBT cards or debit cards accepted; checks not accepted.

Visit www.fareforall.org for other Twin Cities locations or call Hazel Park UCC at 651-735-2555 or visit www.hazelparkcongregationalucc.org.

KidVenture at Dayton's Bluff Rec on WCCO

The KidVenture program at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, a project of the East Side Learning Collaborative, was featured in a recent WCCO television segment. The video can be found at www.wcco.com/video/?id=82261@wcco.dayport.com.

Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival



**Sunday, September 12, 2010
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
East Sixth & Arcade Streets**

Mexican & American food

Music, Dancers, Games, Pull tabs, Raffle & more.

**Garage Sale
Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm &
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**For more info,
call 651-776-2741**

Eastside Heritage Park Celebration

On Saturday, September 25, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, help celebrate the grand opening of St. Paul's newest park, which pays tribute to the East Side's rich heritage. The new addition, Eastside Heritage Park is located on Phalen Boulevard, just off Arcade Street.

This will be a community celebration for East Side residents. People of all ages are encouraged to come and celebrate their natural, economic and cultural heritage. The mayor and parks officials will cut the official ribbon kicking off the event. Look for clues to the Heritage Scavenger Hunt utilizing the park's history panels. Characters representing each panel will be available to tell stories about their history as people hunt for clues on the panels.

People attending the celebration are encouraged to walk or ride bikes; parking is limited. Food representing East Side cultures will be available.



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Dayton's Bluff in the post World War Two Era

by Steve Trimble

As I mentioned in an earlier issue, I've been doing research on an article for *Ramsey County History*. It will look at the history and culture of the Dayton's Bluff, Railroad Island and lower Payne-Phalen neighborhoods and how they developed into working class enclaves in the 1940s and 50s. It will be published in November, but I thought it might be nice to give a bit of a preview of the things I found for our community during the post-WWII era.

Because there is so much information to cover, this column will primarily focus on the economy and the schools. A lot of what I found was very new to me, and I hope it will be interesting to readers and bring back East Side memories to some of you.

The 1950s were a prosperous time for most of Dayton's Bluff. With the war restrictions gone, there was a lot of deferred consumer demand. The larger businesses—3M, Seeger/Whirlpool and Hamm's Brewery—were expanding and the union jobs they offered were well-paying and stable. It was a community where a family could make a good living even

without much formal education, often with only one parent working.

As a result, the neighborhood became increasingly blue collar in its makeup during this era. True, many of the younger residents moved away into new starter homes inside the city or in the nearby developing suburbs. Those who remained behind were happy to live in tight-knit communities that provided almost all of their needs. There were also plenty of jobs in smaller local businesses and institutions. The Klinkerfues Brothers clothing factory at One East 7th Street was flourishing, and the Sanitary Dairy employed large numbers of men and women at a time when milk was still delivered door to door. St. John's Hospital was also involved in major expansion in the post war era. and there were additions in 1951 and 1959. There were also jobs at nearby railroads and any number of smaller businesses.

One evidence of the general prosperity was the growth of Northwest Bank, which used to be on East 7th. It had more deposits in the 50s than ever before. In addition, things were getting modernized. According to president Walter Dorle, who was interviewed in 1959, the organization was proud to have recently intro-

duced "electronic banking" for deposits, checking and statements. There was new off street parking. He pointed out that the East Side was one of the few areas that had open land for expan-

sion and this should bring added opportunities for expansion.

To be continued in the October issue of the Forum. Steve Trimble researches and writes about local history.



Photo courtesy Minnesota Historical Society
St. John's Hospital—1958



Giovanna Salerno and her "assistant," Gijo

LatinRaza Services
"Sirviendo a los Nuestrós"

by Carla Riehle
Forum Editor

Giovanna Salerno's airy offices are a bright spot on the arid stretch of East 7th Street where it meets Duluth Street. Her multi-purpose operation provides tax services, sells insurance, helps with immigration forms, translates documents, provides workers compensation assistance and does payroll for small businesses.

Her offices display memorabilia and pictures of Latin America and she says she chose the name of her company, "LatinRaza Services" to attract Spanish speakers, although she also welcomes many English-speaking clients.

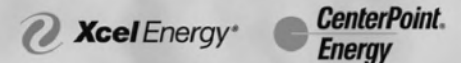
With five employees, LatinRaza seems to have identified a need in the neighborhood. Giovanna is a member of the newly formed Dayton's Bluff Business Association and is looking forward to working with the organization. Graduating from the University of Phoenix in Miami with a Business Administration major, Giovanna started her business here in 2005.

A native of Peru, she used her office to organize aid for "Ayudada Peru" in 2007, when a massive earthquake struck the country. Two years ago, her office was the site for a mobile Peruvian consulate that was set up as a temporary source for visa processing and the like.

LatinRaza Services is located at 1174 East 7th Street and is open from 9 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday, with longer hours during tax season.

Xcel Energy and your local nonprofit Neighborhood Energy Connection bring you

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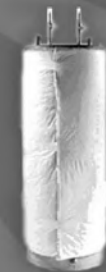
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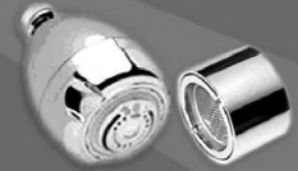
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water heater blanket



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For just \$30*, our professional Home Energy Squads install these items in your home, resulting in proven savings.

*Come to the neighborhood workshop at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Office, 798 East 7th Street on Tuesday, September 21st from 6:30-8 PM and your Squad visit will be only \$30 including all labor & materials. Or call by September 30th to schedule an appointment at the \$35 non-workshop rate. If you qualify for Energy Assistance your visit is free.

Call the Neighborhood Energy Connection
(651) 328-6220 www.thenec.org



What's happening at district council board meetings?

*By Jean Comstock
Board secretary*

Highlights of the July 19 non-profit meeting

The board approved the following actions:

- To recommend approval of an application by HealthEast Care System to repair ambulances onsite at their new ambulance facility.
- To change the board meeting times from the second and third Mondays of the month to the first and third Mondays beginning in October.

Highlights of the August 16 combined HEED and nonprofit meeting

The board approved the following actions:

- To accept the resignation of one at-large member and to remove from the board two members in subdis-

trict A for nonattendance.

- To appoint Jose Morales, a resident of subdistrict B, to fill the remainder of the term created by the resignation of the at-large member.
- To recommend approval of the application to waive the 45-day waiting period for a wine and beer license for Taqueria los Paisanos.
- To recommend approval of an application by Paul's Lounge to sell pulltabs.
- To discontinue the distinction between the HEED and nonprofit board meetings.
- To write a letter to the city concerning dilapidated and vacant city-owned housing.
- To form a new committee on marketing and communications.
- To form a temporary task force on the upcoming board elections.

This summary is not an official record of board actions. These are reflected in the board minutes.

Upcoming events at the district council office

Monthly community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting is Thursday, September 2, 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 to work on community issues.

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.

Entrepreneur 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 of St. Paul get off to a good start. Eleven East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Classroom training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan. Included are eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on your business concept. Those who successfully complete the course, and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods, are eligible for ongoing support services.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. A registration fee will be charged based on a sliding fee scale. Class size is limited, so do not wait to apply. Applications are available at the district council office.

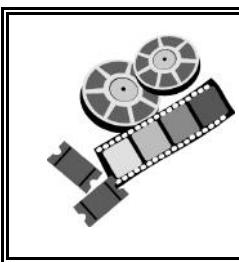
Police community meetings

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, September 15, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, September 17, at 9:30 am. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

TV Broadcast Premiere Event

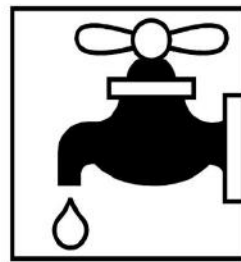
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Block club meetings

Wilson Avenue Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday 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 meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Recreation Center at 1109 Margaret St. at 6:30 pm. This block club encompasses Minnehaha to the north, 5th to the south, Cypress to the west and Atlantic to the east; however, all are welcome.

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, 6th, 5th and 4th 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 7th, Ross, Bush, and Reaney streets and Minnehaha Avenue between Earl and Johnson Parkway.

Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club meets monthly. 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 next meeting.



**Swede Hollow
September events**

Tales of Hoffmann

Jacques Offenbach's opera "The Tales of Hoffmann" will be performed in two garden spaces on the East Side this month: Sunday, September 12, at the Gateway Community Garden (35E and Arlington Avenue), and Saturday, September 18, at Swede Hollow Park (Payne Avenue and Beaumont Street). Both performances start at 4:00 pm and are free to the public.

There's a delicious opera growing in the garden!

The production, by Mixed Precipitation (www.mixedprecipitation.org), is a dynamic new art form that spices classic opera with jazz, blues and rock elements and serves it up with chef-prepared local food in small bites throughout the performance. The professional singers and musicians lead the audience from cabbage patch to herb garden, from scene to scene, in a moveable feast for the eyes, ears, and palate.

Watch the Glow

The Swede Hollow performance of "Tales of Hoffmann" on September 18 will be followed by the annual "Watch the Glow" event, a popular gathering at the Swede Hollow Henge celebrating history, community and the sun setting on Hamm's Brewery.

Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) formed in 1994 when a number of interested neighbors from both sides of Swede Hollow came together to discuss their common goals, deep affection for and commitment to the park, as well as their dreams, ideas, concerns, and the history of Swede Hollow. Other dedicated supporters have joined the group since then. Many members of FOSH have been involved in Swede Hollow since the early 1970s when Swede Hollow Park was in the early stages of development, as members of the Swede Hollow Task Force. The driving forces were Olivia Dodge at that time president of the St. Paul Garden Club, other garden club members, East Side residents, and St. Paul Parks Department staff.

Take-a-Hike September 4

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be Saturday, September 4. 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.

More information?

Contact Karin DuPaul at Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or 651-772-2075 if you would like more details about any of the articles on this page.

Our Youth. Our Community

Highlighting the Youth of Dayton's Bluff

A special thanks to Invest Saint Paul and Rasmussen College's Lake Elmo and Woodbury campuses for hosting the first annual Dayton's Bluff BBQ on Thursday, August 5. There were 300 people in attendance. We had free food, police and fire presence along with carnival games, a jump castle and a rock climbing wall. Chief of Police Thomas Smith also was in attendance.

Rasmussen furnished all the food for the BBQ and is providing free classes featuring job interview skills, and resume help. Please contact Dayton's Bluff if you are interested in being a part of this great program.



We have senior cards on Fridays from 12-4pm. Anyone looking to play 500, please come down to Dayton's Bluff and join them. Right now we have 24 participants and looking for more. It's free and coffee is provided.

We have partnered with Dayton's Bluff District Council and developed three boulevard gardens and worked hard on the garden in front of Dayton's Bluff School and Recreation Center. The youth have worked hard to take pride in their neighborhood and beautify our grounds.

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ABOUT BOOKS

The Cigar Maker Book reading and discussion by Carla Riehle Forum editor

Last month's *Forum* featured an article about a former cigar factory on East 7th Street. Continuing the cigar theme in September, Mark Carlos McGinty will read from and discuss his new book, *The Cigar Maker*.



Based on real events, the novel traces the history of Salvador, a rebel Cuban cigar maker in Ybor City, Florida at the turn of the 20th century. Besides the dramatic story of cock fights, abductions and labor strikes the book has plenty of information about how the finest hand rolled cigars were once made, as well as the revolutionary fervor that roiled as Cuba fought for its independence from Spain.

McGinty is descended from Cuban cigar makers, and will talk about how his family history led him to write this saga.

Cigar aficionados as well as book lovers are invited to join the discussion on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30 pm at the Dayton's Bluff district council office at 798 East 7th Street. Copies of the *The Cigar Maker* will be available for sale. In addition, there will be a display of photographs and memorabilia from St. Paul's own cigar making history. Historian Steve Trimble will display part of his collection of vintage ashtrays.

Dayton's Bluff Book Club by Evelyn Rolloff

Do you love to read? Do you live or work on the East Side of St. Paul?

Join the Dayton's Bluff Book Club to read and discuss multicultural books, including *Days of Rondo* and *A Choice of Weapons*. This neighborhood book club will meet monthly

from October 2010 through March 2011 on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at Metro State's Library. Space is limited and registration is required. Participants receive a copy of each book in advance. This book club is co-sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Branch of the St. Paul Public Library and Metropolitan State University. Funds to support the book club are provided by Metropolitan State University Library Endowment funds. A light dinner will be provided at no charge each evening. To register, contact Metro State's Center for Community-Based Learning at 651-793-1285 or cbl.center@metrostate.edu.

Evelyn Rolloff is Associate Director, Center for Community-Based Learning at Metropolitan State University.

Community Design Center by Chay Vang, Choua Thao, Pachia Vue, Hou Lee and Phillip Thao

At the Community Design Center, we interns are working at our seven community gardens all around the east side of St. Paul. What we are doing the most in August is harvesting, watering, and weeding. We have been harvesting really huge zucchinis, squash, and cucumbers, about one foot long.

We harvest our veggies for our Community Supported Agriculture participants and for our market stand, which is on the corner of East 7th Street and Bates Avenue every Saturday from 9-12 pm. It feels good to help our community by running a market stand where we sell our veggies to the people that live around us.

The writers are youth interns at the Community Design Center.

Free Junk Car Removal

Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove any junk car or truck and dispose of it at no charge to the owner. The owner gets a tax deduction and the Dayton's Bluff Community Council will receive a donation. Contact Karin@Daytons-Bluff.org or 651-772-2075.

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Immigration Politics and the East Side

by Peter Rachleff

For more than a century and half, the East Side has been a center for working class and immigrant politics. Now, facing the challenges posed by the Great Recession and the growth of anti-immigrant politics in Minnesota, it is important that we learn our history and consider its lessons.

Immigrants arriving in the 1800s helped build the East Side

In the middle of the 1800s, immigrants from Ireland, Germany, and Scandinavia settled on the East Side, fleeing bitter poverty, oppression, and political turmoil at home. Pursuing a range of skilled and unskilled work, they built the infrastructure for our urban and industrial development—from bridges, roads, houses, factories and warehouses to digging tunnels and laying railroad track. They also built cultural, religious, and political institutions, from athletic and singing societies to benefit associations, churches and branches of old country political organizations. In the post-Civil War era, these immigrants and their children provided the foundation for the labor movement which consisted not just of unions, but also of cooperatives, reform associations (seeking the eight hour day, for instance), and political organizations. Workers relied on these organizations to help them get through the deep economic depression of 1873-1878, to represent them in dealing with powerful business leaders like James J. Hill and George Pillsbury, and to give them a voice in the direction of American society as a whole.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, new immigrants arrived on the East Side. While some came from Ireland, Germany, and Scandinavia, more and more came from southern and eastern Europe—Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, Rumania, Poland, Ukraine, Italy, and Greece. Some even came from Lebanon and Mexico, and they were joined by African-Americans from the U.S. South and Mexican-Americans from Texas. While many spoke different languages and practiced different cultural rituals and different religions from those initial immigrants, they shared the experiences of having fled oppression and poverty, and they, too, were drawn by the Twin Cities economy's need for manual labor. There was still a need for the construction of infrastructure, and labor was also needed for its repair, for the running of trains, the brewing of beer, and for new industries, such as meat-packing and auto and appliance manufacture. Like their predecessors, they joined unions, took part in strikes, and sought a voice in the political arena.

Immigrants in earlier times seen as "aliens"

While these new immigrants became an integral part of the East Side's working class in the World War I era, politicians and newspapers accused them of radicalism and disloyalty. Nativism exploded during the war years when Governor Burnquist created the Public Safety Commission and ordered all immigrants to fill out "alien registration forms." When the economy slid into recession in the early 1920s, some of the immigrants' working-class neighbors feared for the loss of their jobs and they joined in the intensifying cry for government restriction on further immigration. In 1923-1924, Congress enacted the Johnson-Reid Act which particularly targeted immigrants from southern and eastern Europe, while local employers, schools and social service agencies launched "Americanization" campaigns.

Such interventions actually cemented relationships among working-class East Siders over the course of the 1920s and into the Great Depression of the 1930s. Whatever their national, ethnic, or racial origins, they claimed a shared identity as "hyphenated Americans," celebrating it at the annual Festival of Nations (which decided in 1932 to include "Negro Americans" as an "ethnic" group), at union halls, booyas, and various community gatherings. Immigrants and their children from the East Side helped elect a Farmer Labor mayor in 1932 (William Mahoney, the editor of the *Union Advocate*), and a Farmer Labor governor (Floyd B. Olson). Along with West Siders and residents of South St. Paul, they organized new industrial unions and fed the revival of the labor movement. They were helping to build an economic, political, and cultural democracy on the East Side.

Last 30 years have put democracy to the test

This democracy has been put to the test in the past thirty years. On the one hand, much of the East Side's industrial base has been eliminated. Unions have disappeared along with jobs, and the grandchildren of the traditional working class have moved away. The Great Recession of 2008-2010, coming on top of this period of difficult economic change, has posed a serious crisis for our community. Meanwhile, a new wave of immigration has swept into the neighborhood, generated by war (Vietnam, Bosnia, El Salvador, Somalia, Ethiopia, Liberia) and economic globalization (Mexico, Guatemala, the former Soviet Union). Like their predecessors, these new immigrants have sought work and stability for their families, and they have built organizations and institutions and practiced their cultures and rituals. Health-care, the service sector, hotels and restaurants, and the like have sought their labor. When there have been opportunities, they, like their predecessors, have joined unions and sought a political voice.

The new immigrants' arrival at a time of economic insecurity for other East Siders has made their welcome and integration challenging, not only for them, but for that economic, political, and cultural democracy that earlier generations of East Siders constructed. Given these hard times, we need to remind ourselves of our history, learn from it, and work together to create a new democracy for our present and our future.

Peter Rachleff has been a history professor at Macalester College since 1982 and has lived in Dayton's Bluff since 1999.

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Parade of Chicken Coops

With the burgeoning interest in backyard chickens, it was bound to happen—the Twin Cities Parade of Chicken Coops is being held on Saturday, September 11, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Marni Oberpriller, a new urban chicken fancier, is taking part in the



Dayton's Bluff part of the tour and is encouraging her chicken-owning neighbors on East 6th Street to join in.

Marni, who teaches at Crossroad Elementary, says:

"I have two pullets, an Orpington and a Rhode Island Red (and possibly a third on the way). I brought home three four-day-old classroom-hatched chicks back in May. One has since transformed into a rooster that I miss terribly thanks to St Paul's no rooster ordinance; he was so fun to play with! Currently he's living out his dream of being the flamboyant rooster that he is, overseeing a flock in Cottage Grove."

Stop by Marni's coop at 767 East 6th Street during the tour or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/twincitiescooptour/> for more information and additional sites.

If you are raising chickens, you can also sign up as a stop on the tour.

Where in Dayton's Bluff?



The sharp-eyed winner of the mystery object in last month's *Forum* was Gloria Thompson, who correctly identified the plaque on St. John's church on 5th Street.

If you know the location of this month's mystery object, email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075. The name of the first person with the correct answer will be printed in next month's *Forum*.



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District Council elections

Elections for the board of directors of Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council will be held on Monday, October 18. The board, consisting of 18 members holds an election each year in which half the members are elected for two-year terms.

Candidates must file for a seat on the board from August 16 to September 20. They may be any age, and except for two at-large seats, must live in the subdistrict of Dayton's Bluff they would represent. The at-large members must either live in Dayton's Bluff or own or operate a business or own property in Dayton's Bluff.

Anyone who might be interested in serving on the board is invited to attend the upcoming informational meeting to find out what's involved, as well as specific requirements in each subdistrict. The meeting will also describe other ways of being involved in the Dayton's Bluff community.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 8, at the council offices, 798 East 7th Street. You may also call 651-772-2075 or email ed@daytonsbluff.org for more information.

There is a new family in Mounds Park and they've caused quite a stir

by Jane Prince

"I was standing in my backyard and an eagle came soaring in feet first, broke a branch off of a dead tree with both feet, and sailed off with it."

That was one of the first signs that a bald eagle couple had chosen our neighborhood in which to build a nest. Nest building was well underway in early spring of 2009, when the city started a street paving project right beneath the white pine the eagles had chosen. The nest was abandoned for the remainder of last season.

But again this March, neighbors started reporting that the bald eagles were back, flying into the nest with dead branches they'd pruned off of neighborhood trees. If they had been dissuaded from nesting on a city paving project last year, they seemed content with the normal hustle and bustle of community life on Burns Avenue.

In fact, it wasn't long before we all noticed that nest construction had been completed and nest-sitting had become the eagles' order of the day. Like expectant parents, neighbors began talking to neighbors they'd never spoken to before about the thrill of seeing a pair of brooding eagles. Small groups gathered at various spots on Clermont and Burns where they could catch a glimpse of the eagle parents, and chat about the impending birth.

Though we couldn't see the eaglets from the street, we knew they'd hatched when mom and dad took turns leaving the nest and returning with the day's hunt. This was about the time that one neighbor who found a perch on his own rooftop, spotted the two eagle babies with a video zoom lens.

As thrilling as it was to spot the eaglets, it was like watching the "Discovery" channel to see "Mom" or "Dad" fly in with rodents or large fish clutched in their talons. One Mounds Park neighbor reported that he was strolling in the park with his grandchildren when an adult eagle dove down to catch a live squirrel, then flew up into a tree to subdue the prey by pounding it against the trunk. Neighbors living near the nest reported finding fish carcasses, bones and gory remains of the nestlings' diet.

Baby eagles are the largest babies of the bird kingdom, and within a few short weeks, these young eagles had lost their soft gray fuzzy coats to shiny dark brown feathers and were almost in constant view perched on the side of the nest.

Proud "godparents" could be found on every block of our neighborhood. No matter where you walked or drove in Mounds Park, someone was bound to catch your attention to ask: "Have you seen the eagles?" "What are the eagles up to today?" "Are they flying yet?"

One neighbor wrote on our neighborhood email list: "I uploaded a picture of a couple of young eagles I caught enjoying the morning sun. My understanding is more eagles prefer this neighborhood than any other in the city."

The eaglets seemed to enjoy the attention. Sitting on the edge of the nest, they would lean into the wind and then stretch out their wings to full view. They would hop from one foot to the other, or dangle a foot in the air, safely holding on while allowing a gust of wind to lift them slightly above the nest.

By this time, the parents were gone much longer from the nest, pressed into constant hunting to keep the growing eagles fed. When the young eagles finally flew, news spread across the neighborhood at viral speed. Had anyone seen them? Had their first flights been successful? Would they use the nest as home base, or would they leave Mounds Park behind?

The unfolding story was shared through the Mounds Park internet list-serve as a neighborhood full of "mother hens" came together to support a new family in the neighborhood.

Jane Prince lives in Mounds Park.



Photo by Stan Wandersee
Mounds Park eagle family

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Karin DuPaul—across Dayton's Bluff

National Night Out is one of the best events each year, where neighbors get together to talk about the neighborhood and have a good time. I enjoy making the rounds and visiting with everyone. I get in my car and try to stop by all of the events in Dayton's Bluff. Here are just a few.

My first stop was at Parkway Gardens, a 55+ apartment building near Hudson Road and Johnson Parkway. The meeting room was full of residents participating in an auction of various treasures. I gave a short history of National Night Out and headed off to the next event.

The next stop was the 900 block of Wilson. They had lots of great food and the Great Brodini and his Magic Show entertained everyone. This block has been working on starting a community garden in a vacant lot.

Next, to Mounds Park where the neighborhood celebrated with music from Barra, an Irish band, free corn on the cob, and a potluck.

Off again to the St. Paul Credit Union were a lot of things were going on including a race car on display, lots of

food and snow cones, a fire engine and the money whirl, where a person could keep all the money they could grab in 30 seconds. City Council President Kathy Lantry, her assistant, Ellen Bailes, and State Representative Sheldon Johnson were attending the event.

My next stop was at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Many church members volunteered making this a wonderful event for neighborhood people.

I continued on to the Margaret Recreation Center, where the block club gave out 200 frozen custard cups donated by Culver's.

Off again to the event hosted by Mounds Park United Methodist and the Wilson Avenue Area Block Club. One of the candidates for governor was there chatting with the neighbors..

Next, to Bethlehem Lutheran Church where the church and the Beech/ Margaret 654 Block Club hosted a large event with a band, lots of food, and face painting. Then the band suggested that all the children go stand by the fire truck for a group picture. The kids ran over to the fire truck and parents with cameras lined up taking the photos. Off again to Swede Hollow Park where neighbors Green

House Recovery Center and Saint John's Lutheran Church hosted the evening. Music played by the Next Exit Band was one of the highlights of the evening

I know I missed a lot at each event and I would love to hear from you about your National Night Out event.

I would also like to get copies of photos of NNO events. Please email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call me at 651-772-2075.

More pictures and stories will be posted on the 2010 National Night out page under the "Photos; past events" link at daytonsbluff.org.

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