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Monday, October 17: Vote for District Council Board of Directors

The annual election for the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 17.

Polls are open from:

· **9:00 am until 5:00 pm at 798 East 7th Street**

(Dayton's Bluff Community Council offices)

· **5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at 800 Conway Street**

(Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center)

All Dayton's Bluff residents age 18 or over are encouraged to vote. Voters can choose two representatives for the sub-district they live in and one for an at-large seat. Write-in candidates are also permitted. The map below shows the layout of the sub-districts.

The board of directors has 18 members, of whom 16 are representatives of the four sub-districts, and two are at-large positions. Sub-district representatives must reside in the sub-district, while at-large members may be either a resident of Dayton's Bluff, an owner or operator of a Dayton's Bluff business or organization, or a property owner in Dayton's Bluff. Nine of the 18 members are elected each year for two-year terms.

You can run as a write-in candidate. Encourage your neighbors to write you in and you could win a seat on the board.

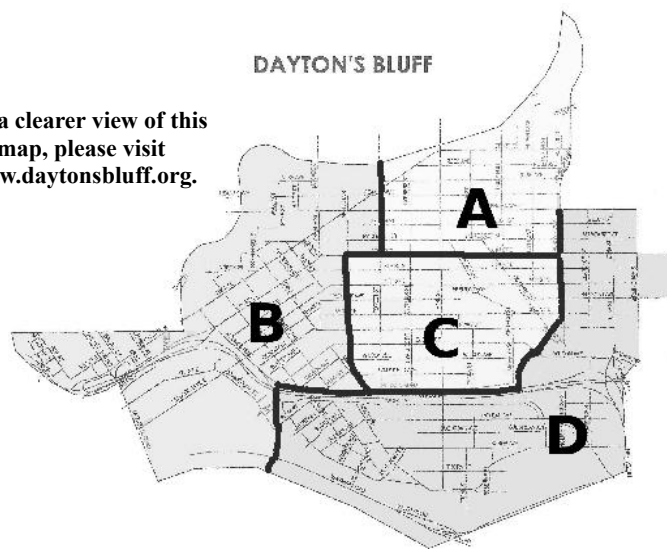
Absentee ballots are available if requests are made in writing and signed by the voter at least 10 days prior to the election. Ballots will be mailed to the voter at least seven days before the election and must be received back in the council office by October 17.

Election Day is also the time of the district council's annual community dinner/meeting, with a community gathering beginning at 5:00 PM, a free dinner at 6:00 PM with an Awards Ceremony and annual meeting. Election results will be announced that evening.

One at-large candidate for the board of directors is needed, as are two candidates for each sub-district. Remember, you can run as a write-in candidate. Encourage your neighbors to write you in and you could win a seat on the board.

Some of the activities the Dayton's Bluff Community Council has been involved in this past year include: Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Clean Up, Block Club Clean Ups, Block Clubs, National Night Out, Walk the Bluff, Greening Dayton's Bluff and its plantings, Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour, Arts and Culture Committee, Green-space Committee, park cleanups, and a number of Land Use issues, etc.

If you have any questions about the Community Council, the election, the Dinner, and/or the Annual Meeting email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.



For a clearer view of this map, please visit www.daytonsbluff.org.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Invites you to join us for a

Free Dinner & Community Meeting

Date: October 17, 2011

Place: Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center (800 Conway Street)

Time: 5:00 pm - Social hour & Voting

5:30 pm - Entertainment Program

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Award Ceremony,

Community Meeting,

Election Results

Celebrate our most important and powerful resource – the people of our neighborhood.

RESERVE your place TODAY!

Call 651-772-2075

Dayton's Bluff Cena para la Comunidad

Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center
800 Conway Street

El 17 de octubre el Consejo comunitario de Dayton's Bluff va a presentar una CENA GRATUITA PARA LA COMUNIDAD y una oportunidad para celebrar nuestro recurso más importante y poderoso: el pueblo del vecindario.

5:00 Reunirnos

5:30 Entretenimiento

6:00 Cena

6:30 Ceremonia de premios, Reunión de comunidad y Resultados de la elección

Tu consejo comunitario da la bienvenida a todos los miembros de la comunidad que viven, trabajan o tienen negocios en Dayton's Bluff a que vengan a celebrar con nosotros.

¡No te lo pierdas!

Llámanos para confirmar tu asistencia: 651-772-2075

Please see page 8 for a description of the new Roger Tetu award to be given at the October 17 gathering.



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Contribute your own content; write a comment, or email us: editor@daytonsbluff.org.

Is there a story that isn't being told? Article suggestions, fully-written pieces, photos, and letters to the editor are always welcome. We look forward to hearing from you!

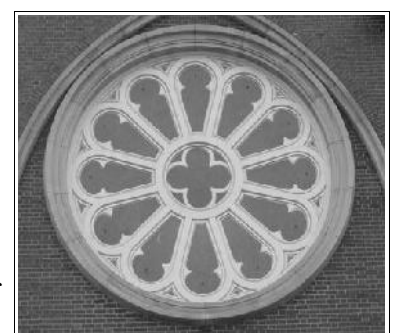
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Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Last month's picture (inset, below) can be found in the front yard of **863 Margaret Street**. The rooster is owned by resident **Tom Smith**; evidently its eyes glow in the dark. The photo was properly identified by a handful of readers, so a random drawing was held; **Warren Weber** will receive a prize postcard pack.



Can you identify this month's image (top right), found somewhere in Dayton's Bluff? Email editor@daytonsbluff.org. All correct responses received by midnight on October 10 will be entered into a drawing for a pack of Dayton's Bluff postcards. Happy hunting!

St. John's celebrates 125 years

by Greg Cosimini

Although the first St. John's Catholic church building wasn't dedicated until December of 1886, this August marked the official start of the 125th year of St. John's existence as a parish in Dayton's Bluff.

In early 1886, Bishop John Ireland asked Rev. Louis Cornelis, pastor at Mendota, to look into the possibility of organizing an English-speaking Catholic parish on Dayton's Bluff. Sacred Heart Church had been founded in 1882 to care for the German speaking residents of the district, but ever growing numbers of English speaking people coming into the neighborhood seemed to make the establishment of a separate parish for them a logical step in the growth of the diocese.

Although St. John's is often thought of as an Irish parish, just as Sacred Heart was a German national parish and St. Casimir's was a Polish parish, it was actually a territorial parish. It just happened that in the 1880s most English-speaking Catholics in the area were Irish. When parish boundaries were originally drawn up, the western edge was marked by Payne and Maria Avenues, and the southern edge by the river bluffs. There was no need for northern and eastern boundaries because the land past Dayton's Bluff in those directions was largely unsettled and not part of St. Paul proper.

Father Cornelis canvassed the Bluff for funds, and collected over \$1,100 of which the people of the new parish contributed \$200. The Corporation of the Church of St. John was organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota on

August 4, 1886, and its first meeting was held on August 29. One of the first acts of the corporation was to purchase nine lots in Dayton's Bluff on Frances (now Fifth) Street, between Forest and Cypress.



This is the original St. John's Church, built in 1886. The photo on the left is from a postcard postmarked in 1909. The photo on the right comes from the booklet "Picturesque Dayton's Bluff" published in 1909 by the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club.

The contract for building the church was let early in September 1886 and the Church of St. John of St. Paul became the twelfth Catholic church in St. Paul when it was dedicated on December 19, 1886.

The church structure was typical for its time. The architect, H. G. Terherne, designed a plain frame building with stained glass windows along each side and a large circular stained glass window above the main entrance. A small, cross-crowned belfry topped off the building. The church could seat 450 people on its black walnut-finished pews. The octagonal sanctuary housed a white altar and the sacristy could be used as a chapel. This church served the parish until 1922 when a much larger, brick church was built.

St. John's will begin its 125th anniversary celebration on Saturday October 22 with a Mass at 4:15 p.m. attended by Archbishop John C. Nienstedt.

As part of the celebration St. John's is putting together a commemorative history booklet. We are looking for photos, memorabilia, stories, facts or anecdotes concerning St. John's Church and School

particularly in the period of 1940 through 1980. If you have anything you would like to share with us, please contact St. John's at 651-771-3690 or stjohns@stjstp.org.

Please visit www.stjstp.org to learn more about St. John's and its history.

Upcoming opportunities at

Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center

- **Weekly Senior Cards** – Seniors get together on Fridays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm to play 500. All are welcome.
- **Annual East Area Halloween Party** Saturday, October 29 at Conway Recreation Center, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. 2090 Conway Street. 651-501-6343. This is a free event that includes jump castle, carnival games and candy guess. Costumes are optional.
- **Parent and Tot Play time:** Come use the gym and play with your toddlers on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon.
- **Dayton's Bluff Theater is offering family entertainment events** on the following dates: Saturday, October 8; Friday, Nov 4; Friday, December 16. All shows are free to the community.
- **Winter basketball registration** (ages 6-18 years for boys and girls) starts on October 3 at any of the St. Paul Recreation Centers.
- **Volunteer Coaches are needed;** please contact 651-793-3885 if you are interested in coaching basketball.
- **Unique High Steppers** is a drill team located at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:45 pm. We are also looking for drummers as well, who will practice on Tuesdays from 5:45-7:45 pm. Please contact 651-793-3885 for more information.
- **Art: Messy Fingers and Toes** is a parent and child art class for ages 1-4 years old. They do many fun activities, such as squeeze clay, ink pad footprints, squirt bottle paints and many more. This class is offered on Fridays from 10:00 -11:00 am. \$38 fee for 6 classes; session begins November 11.
- **Eastside Kidventure** is a free program for youth who live or attend school on the East Side of Saint Paul. You can register by calling 651-487-7383. This program runs from 10:00 - 4:00 pm on the following dates: October 20-21 (at Conway Recreation Center), November 11 and December 27-30 (at Dayton's Bluff Recreation center). Ages K-6th grade.
- **Dayton's Bluff is opening a fitness center** that includes 3 cross trainers and 3 machine weights that work your legs and arms. It is located in our warming room. Fitness memberships are \$30 / year or \$3 a day. This membership includes access to all the fitness centers in St. Paul: Battle Creek, Conway, Edgecumbe, Hillcrest, Jimmy Lee/ Oxford, Linwood, MLK Center, North Dale, Wellstone/El Rio and Dayton's Bluff.

**The Dayton's Bluff Rec Center is located at
800 Conway Street. Stop by and check us out!**



Photo courtesy of Karin DuPaul

Volunteers and neighbors commiserate during a slow moment at the Dayton's Bluff Cleanup on September 10 at Ray Anderson & Sons.

Clean Up successful

Forum staff

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Clean Up was held on September 10. Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board members, residents, friends, and Reentry Services Sentence to Service played an important role in the success of the clean up. Tons of trash and refuse left Dayton's Bluff that day. Some people found a number of treasures in the Free Stuff area.

The weather was great for the clean up and all of the volunteers did an excellent job. Volunteers included Steve Duerre, Jean Comstock, Dan Stahley, Michael Adams, Sharon McCrea, Ed Overmeyer, Angela DuPaul, and a Sentence to Service crew. DBCC staff present were June Bennett, Deanna Foster and Karin DuPaul. We appreciate everyone who helped.

A number of local businesses supported our efforts by supplying food, and beverages for the volunteers. We would like to express our appreciation to Culvers by SunRay, Burger King at 695 East 7th, Holiday Gas Station at 1477 East Minnehaha, Cub Foods in Sunray, and Rainbow on Arcade. We could not have done it without all of the help! Thank you.



Photo by Greg Cosimini

Obb's owner Jim Johnsen points to what remains of the gas station razed on September 1 to clear the way for his new parking lot.

More parking coming to Obb's

by Greg Cosimini

Obb's Sports Bar & Grill at 1347 Burns Ave. has been a victim of its own success with lots of customers but very few parking spots in the small parking lot behind the building. And as last winter demonstrated, parking on the surrounding streets isn't easy when the snow starts piling up.

To alleviate the parking problem Obb's owner Jim Johnsen recently purchased the empty gas station located just to the west of Obb's on Point Douglas Road and Burns Ave. On September 1st the station was razed as the first step in building a much larger parking lot.

The next part of the project is a bit

more complicated. There are two streets separated by a small triangle of land between Obb's and the area previously occupied by the gas station. First the small portion of Clarence St. that runs next to Obb's will be removed. Then the section of Point

Douglas Road that is now located on the other side of the triangle will be relocated to the far west end of the gas station property.

After the roads are rearranged a parking lot with over 40 spaces will be constructed directly west of the bar so patrons will no longer have to dodge cars or climb over snow mountains to reach Obb's. The entire project will be completed sometime next year.

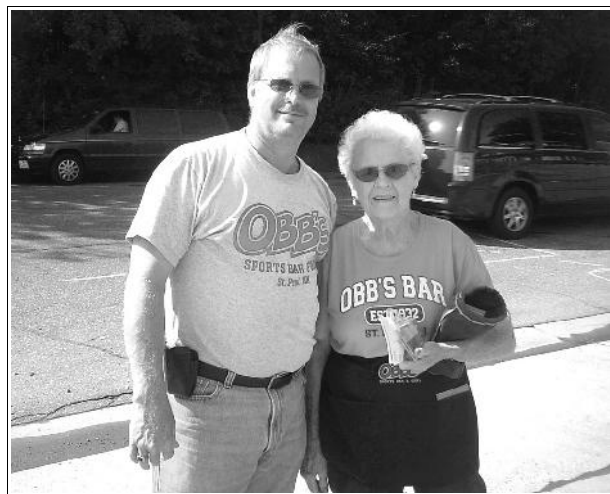


Photo by Greg Cosimini

Obb's owner Jim Johnsen and his mother Rosie survey the site of their future parking lot.

Metropolitan State alumni call East Side home

by Harvey Meyer

Jeanelle Foster lived in Dayton's Bluff when she was a student majoring in human services at Metropolitan State University. And she's still residing in Dayton's Bluff today as an alumna of the school. She's smitten with the neighborhood.

"There's such a rich history in Dayton's Bluff," said Foster, who with her two children moved into the two and one-half story home she purchased in 2003. "I love the older, historic homes and the bluff itself," which offers sweeping views of downtown Saint Paul.

Foster, assistant director of the early childhood program at Saint Paul-based Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, is apparently one of many Metropolitan State alumni who now call the East Side home. Perhaps that shouldn't be too surprising, since more students live in the 55106 zip code than any other. Like Foster, many are attracted to both Metropolitan State and Dayton's Bluff for their convenience, affordability and other assets.

Michael Tkach Paquin bought an East Side home in 2009, the same year he graduated with a psychology degree from the university. He, too, is charmed by the neighborhood.

"The East Side is a gorgeous area," he said. "We are close enough that my wife and I can walk or bike to most places we like to visit such as cafes or farmers' markets.

"The sense of community is huge here and that was a big factor in our coming to the East Side. In my neighborhood in particular, the neighbors know and talk to each other and do community activities together."

Tkach Paquin, who is pursuing a doctorate degree in clinical psychology, acknowledges that parts of the East Side have garnered a reputation for crime. But he believes that criticism is overblown.

"In general, my neighborhood is pretty safe and quiet," he said. "We live on a busy road, so we do hear sirens. But it's a safer, cleaner and nicer area than many people give it credit. I have recommended the area as a place to live to my friends. You just have to look at the area with your eyes open and with the proper expectations."

Foster subscribes to a philosophy that a neighborhood reflects the involvement of its residents. In her case, she is an advocate for Dayton's Bluff, participating in National Night Out, clean-up and other vigilance activities. She also enjoys visiting the Dayton's Bluff library and walking, biking and playing softball in the neighborhood.

"I like Dayton's Bluff," said Foster, "and I'm planning on living here for quite a while."

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

ZONE in at the Dayton's Bluff Public Library

*by Jodi Wittman
Branch Manager*

Greetings from the Dayton's Bluff Public Library! September is the official start of fall and the return to school. Your public library is a great resource for both students and educators. Check out our in-house and online services at this website: <http://www.sppl.org/services/educator-services>.

The ZONE is one of six Saint Paul Public Library Homework Centers where students of all ages can drop in and work on their homework independently or with the help of volunteer tutors. The centers are equipped with comfortable furniture, computers, printers, reference books, and school supplies for student use.

The ZONE is open seven days a week: Monday & Wednesday 3:00-7:00, Tuesday & Thursday 3:00-5:00, and Friday through Sunday 1:00-4:00.

***UPDATE: The Dayton's Bluff Book Club returns in October! 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. This neighborhood book club is co-sponsored by Metropolitan State University's Library and Learning Center, Center for Community-Based Learning and the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library. Contact the Center for Community-Based Learning at 651-793-1285 or cbl.center@metrostate.edu to register or to receive additional information.

Be sure to stop by your neighborhood Library to use the resources, to take a quick tour, or to just say "hello." We are located at 645 East 7th Street, within the University Library building. Our open hours: Monday and Wednesday: 12:00-8:00 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10:00 am-5:30 pm, Saturday: 11:00 am-5:30 pm and Sunday: 1:00-5:00 pm.

The St. Paul Public Libraries are in your neighborhood and online at www.sppl.org.



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Mounds Park Methodist programs open to all

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The people of Mounds Park United Methodist are a Christ-centered church, committed to being a church of the neighborhood as we reach out to those around us in love and justice with the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Under the leadership of new pastor Rufus Campbell, the church is continuing their mission of community outreach. Many programs have started up again in September; regardless of your church affiliation or personal beliefs, you are invited to partake in the following groups and events:

Neighborhood Family Movie Night is held on the third Sunday of the month. Come play games 4:30 pm; enjoy dinner at 5:15 pm (free will offering); movie begins at 5:45 pm.

Grocery Give-A-Way
"Food for the stomach. Spiritual food for the soul."

Celebrate God's abundance. Every third Saturday of the month you are invited to receive free groceries.

Doors open at:
9:30 am For Food Tickets
10:30 am For Communion
11:00 am Groceries Distributed
12:00 pm End

Men's Night Out
"Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17

Men join together for fellowship, food and a movie. It's the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm.

Women's groups:
• Lydia Circle (ladies of all ages) meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm for outings with fun and fellowship.

• Elizabeth Circle (a dining fellowship for women) meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm at various restaurants.

• Mary Circle (Bible Study and Fellowship for women of all ages) meets on the first Monday of the month at 9:30 am.

Friendship Club for men and women 55+ meets the fourth Wednesday of every month for entertainment and lunch (\$7.00).

Adult Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Kids' Club, for grades K-6, meets the first Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30 pm.

SAY (Sundays and Youth) for grades 7-12 meets on the following dates: first Sunday of the month: 4:00-5:30 pm; second Sunday: 6:00-7:30 pm; fourth Sunday: 6:00-7:30 pm.

SonDay Bible Study for grades 7-12 meets on the second and fourth Sundays, from 5:00-6:00 pm.

Cub Scouts meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. **Daisies** meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Learn to play handbells Kids Bells, for beginner and intermediate kids and adults, meets every Sunday at 12:00 pm. Movers and Shakers, for advanced kids and adults, meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm.

For more information about any of these activities, please call (651)774-8736 or send an e-mail to secretarympumc@yahoo.com.

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is located on the corner of Earl and Euclid, at 1049 Euclid. Church service begins at 10:30 am each Sunday.



Photo courtesy of Sherry Johnson

Friends and neighbors gather on Maria Street on a Saturday afternoon to paint the Johnsons' porch. Whatever your talents and abilities, you can use them to make your community a better place. Come to a work group meeting on October 11 and find out how.

Discovering gifts and sharing them – building community by working together

by Sherry Johnson – Special to the Forum

My porch got painted last Saturday. I invited every friend I had to help, and about 20 people showed up. These were mostly "do-er" types who loved to lend a hand, building community around task-sharing. It's deep within us to enjoy working together, particularly during crises or times of stress...and my new porch really needed a coat of paint before winter.

There was Kendra, the mistress of details, who joyfully painted in tiny arcs on the spindles. Chad and Jake went at the high places with a broad brush, diving into the task with their whole selves, as they are wont to do in normal life. Scott, the artist, spent time lovingly painting spindles, too, but switched to stripping decades of paint from the brasswork above the door; he uncovered something special that the rest of us would not have noticed. Shari lovingly watched the children play together, and took an occasional photo...images that will almost certainly capture the memory with clarity and wit. Nicole and Kevin took to the main color, using big buckets and working with their trademark quiet focus. Walter and Brian hated paint, but took to some carpentry repairs with military efficiency. The list could go on of the personalities I love, caring for my home and for me in a way I may never be able to repay.

However, it's possible to see my crew in a different light: Several had recent injuries or degenerative joint issues; one was pregnant and very tired; a few suffer from moderate to severe depression; some are painfully shy, having to work hard to stay connected; quite a few have financial woes and family troubles. The list could go on of their secret heartaches and stumbling blocks, many of which I've been entrusted to know.

But as a community, we have a tacit agreement to look beyond one another's deficiencies and problems in order to get jobs done and to care for one another. Nothing was ever built with deficiencies and problems, but only with gifts and capacities.

How often do we see our families that way? Or our blocks? Or Dayton's Bluff? Too often, we allow social service agencies, governmental bodies, and even nonprofit corporations to label our problems, claiming that those labels enable experts to fix those problems.

What would happen in our community and block club meetings if we started thinking about how to connect our gifts and capacities? What if we made that same tacit agreement in our neighborhoods that we make with our friends: to overlook people's problems and deficiencies in order to get things done together?

I believe that everyone has gifts to share—gifts of the hands, gifts of the heart, and gifts of the mind. I also believe that in our broken world, people don't always have the opportunity, the time, or the confidence to share their gifts. In particular, "labeled people"—the elderly, new immigrants, youth, single mothers, the disabled—suffer not from a lack of gifts but from being labeled, and the way that label can push them into the margins of our community. We're more likely to see their label than their passions and gifts.

I believe we have the power to re-build our community by unleashing the gifts and capacities of our neighbors, our associations, our organizations, and even our businesses. If you believe that, too, consider joining our working group to start connecting the assets, gifts, and capacities of Dayton's Bluff. We meet every three weeks on Tuesday evenings at Pastor Hamilton's BBQ at 1150 7th Street at 6:30 pm. Our last meeting was September 20. Why not join us October 11?

Dayton's Bluff Community Council invites you to a Free Dinner & Community Meeting

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Celebrate our most important and powerful resource – the people of our neighborhood.

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Photo courtesy of Kara Younkin-Viswanathan

Happy birthday, Thalia! Thalia Bell is a lifelong East Side resident who loves Mounds Park, the farmers' market, and Joe Mauer. Her birthday is October 5. The *Forum* is delighted to publish your family's and/or neighbors' good news. Submit photos and details of the happy event to editor@daytonsbuff.org, or mail to 798 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Small business classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program is taking applications for the spring 2012 class, which will start in April.

The program helps start-up and young businesses; all East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center have been hosting microentrepreneur classes each year since 1993.

Classroom training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, how to create a successful business and how to prepare a business plan. In addition, each student will have eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on individual business concepts. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

The registration fee is based on a sliding scale; class size is limited. For an application, see the contact information at far right.

Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, October 6, at 6:30 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office, 798 E. 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 good things going on in the Bluff.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Meetings started in December of 2005. Each month, neighbors and block club members come and meet

with Code Inspectors and police to help deal with neighborhoods issues. When there are no issues, there are good discussions about how Code and the Police Departments work, and discussion about how to make Dayton's Bluff a better place to live. Generally, we have a code inspector on hand from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and police officers arrive about 7:00.

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.

Complaints can also be made by calling 651-266-8989 or online at <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=1649>. Complainants' names are kept confidential.

Take-a-Hike October 1

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, October 1**. Hikers meet at **10:30 am** in Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, and walk to East Side Heritage Park. The hike is about two hours (four miles) with some moderately rough terrain. All are welcome.

Meet the police

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, October 19, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, October 21, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the east side.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, generally at Water & Oil gallery, 506 Kenny Road, or at members' homes; call for location. The next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, October 12, starting at 6:30 pm**. For more information, email SwedeHollow@gmail.com or call 651-776-0550.

Block club meetings

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

Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club will meet on the **last Thursday of the month** at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church School building at 665 Forest. This block club covers the area Minnehaha, Beech Margaret, 6th, 5th, and 4th Streets between Cypress and Arcade.

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.

Dayton's Bluff beat phone

The Dayton's Bluff Police beat phone, 651-341-7637, is available for residents' calls.

Four officers in two police cars carry the phone from 4:00 pm - 2:00 am. Another police car will have the Dayton's Bluff beat phone during daytime hours, from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm many days.

What kind of calls should go to the beat phone? You may call about ongoing problems in the neighborhood; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10:00 pm; police-related questions, and so on. **If you need police right away or see a crime in progress, call 911 or 651-291-1111.**

Donate your junk car

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National Night Out a Great Success

Hundreds of Dayton's Bluff residents attended National Night Out events all over Dayton's Bluff this year. The weather was great for an evening out with the neighbors. Police officers stopped by most of the events in Dayton's Bluff. The Great Brodini entertained kids of all ages with his magic tricks. A number of events had bands, singers, guitar players, face painting, badminton, and other activities.

ies. There was a wide variety of food at the events, from hot dogs, hamburgers, egg rolls, and salads to cakes and ice cream. Eureka Recycling handed out recycling bins to people in need of them. There was even a large trash truck went around offering to demonstrate how the truck works, which was interesting to watch.

Many neighbors started talking about what they plan to do next year. And some first-time groups were heard planning to make this an annual event. For more information about National Night Out, email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

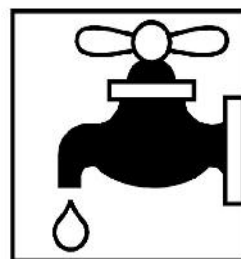
Near East Side Task Force Community Meeting

On **Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30 pm** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 655 Forest (corner of Forest and Margaret), a community meeting will be held for the community to learn about the work that the Near East Side Task Force has done looking at the opportunities and ways to improving the business community in Dayton's Bluff. The Near East Side Task Force has been meeting for almost a year and has been looking at East 7th business area and the area around the East 7th including the Hamm's Brewery, 3M and Globe roofing sites. The Near East Side Task Force goal is to determine how lands within the study boundaries can be used to enhance and sustain the economic, social and physical prosperity of the city's Near East Side.

Free Community Dinner October 17! All are welcome. See page 1 for more information.

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A Sampling of Dayton's Bluff History:

Looking Back One Century Ago

by Steve Trimble

This month I decided to do something fairly simple: I went to the Minnesota Historical Society to see what life was like in Dayton's Bluff a century ago – at least, the events that made it into the pages of the St. Paul *Daily News* in September, 1911. There were no East Side newspapers at the time, so there was no guarantee that there would be a lot to find.

I was pleasantly surprised to see that there were quite a few items. And like today, the kinds of things that appeared were there because some journalist thought they would interest people and sell papers. So now that September is nearly over, you might like to compare the events that happened in the neighborhood last month to those that occurred a century earlier.

Some of the things I found were small mentions tucked away in the classifieds or in the social pages. For instance, the Ladies Circle of St. John's Catholic was going to meet at the residence Mrs. P. Murphy at 1070 Reaney. There were lots of notices of club events. Here's one: "The Chrysanthemum Club had a meeting at the home of Mrs. P. Borden on East Minnehaha."

Two characteristic ads in the *Daily News* went like this: "Wanted – a girl for general housework: Four in family: Good home. 356 Bates." Some of them reflected the German heritage of much of Dayton's Bluff, as in the following item: "Wanted – German girl for general housework; good home; good wages; Cedar 4654 665 E. 5th."

But there were occasions that were given sizeable mention in multiple issues of the paper. One example was the week-long "Carnival on the Bluff" that started on the 11th of September. It was sponsored by Lodge #96 of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) and was located at their headquarters at Forest and Reaney. There was food and music, with band concerts every night.

There were a few special events. Mayor Herbert Keller, a son of the East Side, made at least one visit. There was a featured performance by a European equillorist." I had to look that one up; it turns out this was a fancy name for someone who performs balancing feats, such as a tightrope walker. But I think the proofreaders in 1911 may have made a mistake, since the word in question appears to be "equilibrist."

Another carnival highlight was a series of balloon ascensions. The first flight landed in William Hamm's yard

on nearby Cable Street. During the week, people brave enough could take a ride – for a price, no doubt – above Dayton's Bluff. There was a raffle with four prizes of two tons of coal to heat homes. The group was trying to raise money for the beautification of the clubhouse that served the 270 "Odd Fellows." And this was only one of several different lodges in the community.

On September 22, 1911, the daily news reported the creation of new health care institution for the community. It would be known as St. John's German Lutheran Hospital. It was going to start out in an old Willius mansion located on the crest of the bluff near today's 7th Street and Mounds Boulevard. Plans were already underway for the construction of a new, larger building. It was announced that the superintendent nurse

would be Miss Magdalena Rau. She ended up managing things for over three decades.

Not all the news in the *Daily News* was good. In the middle of the month, the paper wrote that Thomas Rooney of 1267 Beech Street was driving a horse-drawn wagon to an excavation site at Atlantic and Minnehaha. When he got there, the weight of the load caused the earth around the hole to collapse, and Rooney and the wagon tumbled in. He was covered with piles of sand and by the time friends were able to dig him out, he had expired. The 50-year-old man was survived by his widow and their three children.

Less than a week later, there was another local accident. 82-year-old Emerson Walker of 1024 Fauquier (now Bush Street) was boarding a streetcar at 7th and Fauquier when, of all things, he was struck by a bicycle. He apparently fell, and a blow to the head caused a skull fracture. He died five days later at his home.

There you have it – at least the part of the story that made its way into print. It makes me wish that some of the things mentioned were still around – well, not the accidents, of course. It also wouldn't be a good idea to have employment ads list a preferred ethnic group. But imagine if we had the large number of women's clubs that entertained and informed the residents of the community. Think about the way we could improve things if we still had a thousand or more men and women in service organizations like the old I. O. O. F. in this neighborhood. And wouldn't it be great if we still had an annual "Carnival on the Bluff"? I hope some of you readers might get working on this.



This Hamm's ad ran in the September 1, 1911 edition of the St. Paul Daily News. One hopes the delivery department's efficiency was well-appreciated.

Dayton's Bluff Vacant Home Tour October 9

Does living minutes from downtown St. Paul, or close views of a stunning skyline, access to the beautiful Mississippi, wonderful coffee shops, restaurants, beautiful parks, great schools, and well-planned neighborhood activities interest you? If so, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council invites you to participate in the vacant home tour, which includes historically-significant homes as well as homey little bungalows.

Walk away from the tour with an abundance of information on how to buy a vacant home, plus ideas from remodeling to financing. In addition, numerous Realtors have scheduled Open Houses in the Dayton's Bluff district for October 8 and 9 to coincide with the vacant home tour. The vacant home tour is October 9 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Start the tour with a nostalgic ride on a 1954 Twin City Rapid Transit bus departing from 798 E 7th Street. The bus will take you through the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, dropping you off for a view of each home, and then returning you to the meeting site. At the meeting site, materials ranging from other homes on the market to information on the Dayton's Bluff neighborhoods will be available, along with knowledgeable persons to answer your questions. Or you may pick up tour information at the meeting site, and tour on your own.

The Dayton Bluff's Vacant Building Committee's mission is to get the news out that Dayton's Bluff is a desirable and economically feasible place to call home. We would love to have you as a new neighbor.

For more detailed information on the tour, you can contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075 or Karin@daytonbluff.org. If you would like to learn more about Dayton's Bluff initiatives and values, take a tour at www.daytonbluff.org.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council invites you to a Free Dinner & Community Meeting

October 17, 5:00 pm – Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway Street
Please call 651-772-2075 to reserve your spot!

Friends of Mounds Park annual meeting October 9

The annual meeting of the Friends of Mounds Park (FOMP) will be held Sunday, October 9 at 5:00 pm at Cerenity Senior Care – Marian, at 200 Earl Street in St. Paul. The third annual meeting of the group founded to improve and preserve Indian Mounds Park will begin with a community potluck followed by the business meeting at 6:00 pm. Families are welcome to attend and childcare will be provided during the business meeting portion of the evening.

The agenda for the meeting will include a review of the past year's activities including the recently completed master plan for the park, a financial report, a discussion about setting priorities for the coming year and finally the election of officers for the organization and volunteer assignments.

Friends of Mounds Park is a membership-based organization, and all current and potential members are invited to attend the annual meeting. Membership in FOMP is open to anyone.

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Youth Photo Exhibit Showcases Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary
42 images to be displayed at Golden's Deli

from a CDC press release

The Community Design Center of Minnesota (CDC), a local nonprofit aimed at building vibrant and healthy communities through food, conservation and youth development, will exhibit 42 photos of the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary in the CDC Youth Photo Exhibit. Through October, one photo from each of the CDC's summer youth interns will be on display at Golden's Deli, 275 East 4th Street, in Lowertown St. Paul.

This summer, the Lowertown Future Fund granted the Community Design Center of Minnesota funds to carry out a creative project. In July, renowned local photographer Leo Kim conducted a workshop with CDC teen Garden Corps, Nutrition Corps and Conservation Corps interns. Kim instructed the youth interns on how to plan, frame and then click a shot. Prepared with some knowledge of basic camera mechanics and equipped with a disposable camera, the group ventured to Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary – a site where Conservation Corps interns work to preserve the native prairie, Oakland savanna and wetlands, primarily through invasive species removal – to exercise photographic skills. On the day of the workshop, a brilliant sun lit up the natural marvels of the nature sanctuary and the creative imaginations of the youth interns captured them on film. Reflecting on the workshop, one intern said, "I loved exploring Bruce Vento and taking pictures."

From start to finish, the project has been enjoyed by all. Speaking of his own involvement with the project, Leo Kim said, "I had a great experience with the youth group. They are all great youngsters."

CDC Executive Director Tamara Downs Schwei says, "Our strategy focuses on youth development, sustainable agriculture, cooking, nutrition and conservation, utilizing a peer leadership model." For more information about CDC Minnesota and how to get involved, visit www.cdcmn.org or call 651-228-7073.

Mounds Theatre offerings

by Raeann Ruth

Free movie screening

On Friday, October 14, there will be a free movie screening of the original "Paranormal Activity" at the Mounds Theatre. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the movie starting at 8:00 pm.

What's better than watching a spooky film in an actual haunted theatre? How about revisiting the film where it all started... and getting lots of free stuff!



Everyone who attends will not only get free entry to this film, but you'll also receive two complimentary passes to the newly released "Paranormal Activity 3" and LOTS of promotional goodies such as t-shirts, posters, mugs, hats and more!

We will have special cocktails and drinks available at the bar, and there might be press in attendance as well... so this will be an extra special event!

Ghost tours

This Halloween – why visit a "fake" haunted house? The Historic Mounds Theatre has a strong history as a recognized haunted location. Over the years, there have been paranormal TV show episodes filmed there and professional and amateur investigations held there.

From the end of September to the beginning of November, the Mounds Theatre invites you to an hour-long tour, led by professional paranormal investigators, in which you will hear the history and maybe even meet the ghosts who reside there.

Check our websites for exact dates and times and to purchase your tickets: www.moundstheatre.org and www.realhauntedtours.com.



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Carnitas, chorizo and tacos spice up the East Side

by Dan Stahley

Growing up on the East Side, I felt that I had certain birthrights. One of those was easy access to great Hot Dago sandwiches. It never even occurred to me that the name was offensive, until I used the phrase in front of a New Yorker. As an East Sider, I have always been able to get one at **Yarusso Bros.** or the **Dari-ette** any time.

But as time passes, different waves of immigrants settled on the East Side, including a now-sizable Latino community. Ten years ago, if you wanted a decent taco, you had to cross the Robert Street bridge to the West Side, or take the 21 down Lake Street in Minneapolis. Now, I would argue that Dayton's Bluff has some of the best Mexican and Salvadoran food in the state.

I offer, as proof, Exhibits A-D, and tell you that the epicenter for your next carnitas and chorizo fix is Arcade and East 7th Street. From this point, there are four restaurants that would make Vicente Fox jealous. First, there is **Mañana**, a Salvadoran pupuseria, and across the street is **Taqueria Los Paisanos**. About a half a block east on 7th Street is **La Cabaña** and about three blocks north on Arcade, in Seeger Square, is **Taqueria Los Ocampo**.

Mañana is the first and best pupuseria in the state. This is a Central American specialty dish that consists of handmade corn pastries filled with cheese, beans, or slow simmered flavored meats. It is served with a side of hot sauce for dipping and curtido, a fermented cabbage side that is similar to a Korean kim chi. The pupusa costs between \$1.50 and \$2.50 a piece and are cheaper if you purchase a set of three. In addition to the pupusa, I usually get a burrito, which is served with a side of rice and beans for \$6.50, and large glass of Horchata when I go to Mañana. Horchata is a Mexican drink made with cinnamon, milk and rice, and is great for quenching a good spice thirst.

Taqueria Los Paisanos, I believe, is the oldest Mexican restaurant in the area, and specializes in tortas, or Mexican sandwiches, and tacos. Paisanos is the quickest restaurant, so it is a good option if you are in a hurry, or on a lunch break. But it is all still freshly prepared before your eyes as they have an open kitchen next to the registers. My favorite torta is the Cubano. It comes with jalapeños, two types of pork, avocados, queso, lettuce, tomatoes and onions on a soft roll.

La Cabaña seems to be a favorite among Spanish speakers. It is also known for its karaoke and wide array of Mexican beers, such as Modelo, Pacifico, Corona and Bohemia, which are always served with a frosty mug. This is my favorite place to go for tacos, made simple, with your choice of meat on two corn tortillas, con cilantro y onions. Upon taking your seat, you receive complimentary tortilla chips that were freshly made in back and served warm, along with three salsas. In addition to the tacos, I sometimes order a couple of sopes, which are fried corn tortillas loaded with spiced meat, queso, avocado and salsa.

Los Ocampo has a couple of important factors that make it special. First, it is open until 4:00 am on Friday and Saturday nights, so after a couple of Hamm's at the Arcade Bar, Vogel's, or Governors, you can walk on over to Los Ocampo for the spiciest tacos known to man. They offer you a couple of sauces with your tacos, but the pale green salsa is to this day the spiciest food that I have ever eaten. Ocampo is a pioneer in the Twin Cities food scene, as it was one of the first real authentic taquerias to pop up on Lake Street and has slowly expanded across the metro and now has two East Side locations. In addition to the Arcade street location, they have a new restaurant in the former Baker's Square building, near Target. This Suburban Avenue location is a nice, very clean sit down restaurant, with plenty of parking. They serve up the authentic dishes, but with a spice level more appropriate for the Battle Creek neighbors, who are not accustomed to the heat. They also have a full bar, if you are interested in a margarita with your meal.

With these four restaurants, I challenge anyone who still thinks that you have to drive down Cesar Chavez Boulevard to find a decent taqueria, because – in addition to Dago sandwiches – tortas, tacos, and pupusas are now also birthright of all East Siders. Now if only some Serbians would move in to the neighborhood, I would not have to drive to Milwaukee every time I want a Burek.

Cerenity Care Center – Dellwood Place to Close

from a Cerenity press release

Cerenity Senior Care board of directors recently announced that Cerenity Care Center – Dellwood Place, at 753 East 7th Street, will close by November 11. The nursing home needs need major capital improvements and, like many other nursing homes in the state, is stressed financially due to low rates and rising costs.

Cerenity Dellwood Place staff members will work to ensure that every resident receives relocation assistance. Dellwood Place currently has 87 residents. Approx-

imately 138 jobs will be eliminated at the site. Cerenity is also closing their Bethesda center, located in South St. Paul.

"The decision... was very difficult for the board," said Chuck Heidbrink, president of Cerenity Senior Care. "A significant amount of capital and resources have been invested to help keep the facilities competitive and provide quality resident care. The staff and management team have worked hard and they are to be commended for their efforts, but we just can't provide the care and amenities that today's consumers want in these dated facilities."

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Please bring a dish to share – be it your favorite sandwiches, hot dish, salad or dessert. Also bring your own lawn chairs and/or blanket for dining upon, and beverages of your choice. We will have some ice cream treats for all picnic participants as well as plates, napkins, and eating utensils. You are also invited to join in the fun with some horseshoes, and a pub-style trivia contest will also be held.

Who: You, your family, and your neighbors (please share this information with your neighbors, particularly if they are new to our area)

Where: Upper Swede Hollow Park at Greenbrier and Margaret Street

When: **Saturday, October 1, 4:00 - 6:00 pm**

No need to RSVP – but since this is an outdoor event, it is very dependent on nice weather. Should there be rain (either right before the event start or during it) it will be necessary to cancel the picnic. *Keep your fingers crossed for beautiful weather since this event will not be re-scheduled.* Any questions? Contact the event organizer, Margie Smith, at 651-778-1075 or email mrg363@gmail.com. Coming together as neighbors builds community! See you at the park!



Photo courtesy of Steve Trimble

A strolling accordion player amuses attendees of Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Latin-American Fall Fiesta on September 11. The festival also included a pupusa booth and garage sale.

Overcoming Racism Conference Nov. 18-19 at MSU

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Overcoming Racism Conference, held November 18 and 19 at Metro State. Friday's topic asks how racism frames our realities, with a keynote speech by scholar and author Joe R. Feagin. Saturday's theme is antiracism work in organizations, institutions and communities, with a keynote speech by BraVada Garrett-Akinsaya, a clinical psychologist, consultant and community leader.

Each day will feature a full slate of workshops, with opportunities to reflect, connect, and commit.

For more information, visit www.overcomingracism.org.

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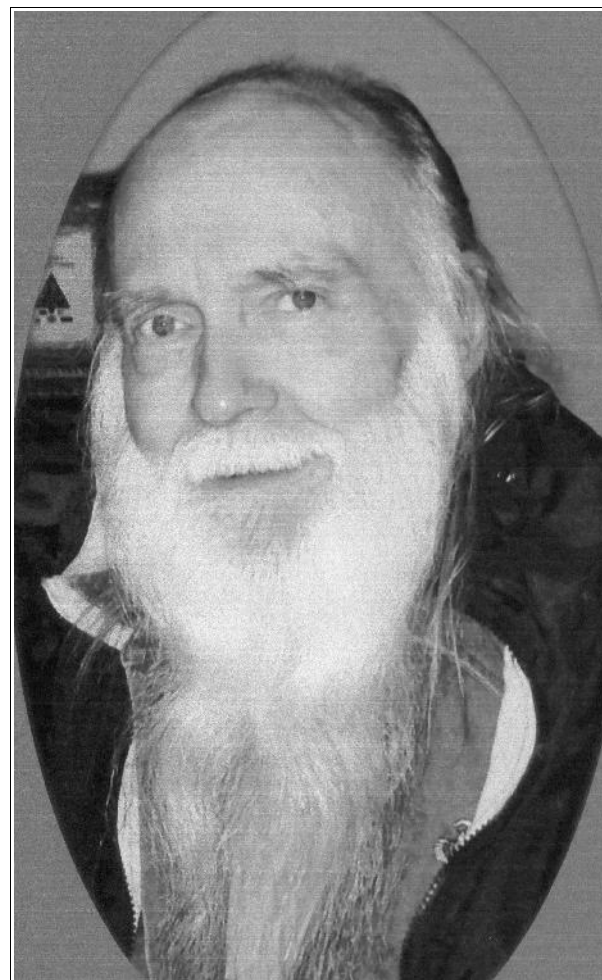


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Roger Tetu: A Legacy of Kindness

by Jennifer Marcus
Newton for the Margaret
Rec Center Block Club

In late July, the Dayton's Bluff community suffered an enormous loss when Roger Tetu, beloved father, grandfather, neighbor and friend, was tragically killed by hit-and-run driver just steps from his front door.

In the days and weeks following the accident, people throughout the Twin Cities were profoundly impacted by the tragedy that took the life of Roger, a man who gave generously of his time and talents to his family, friends and neighbors and who was known affectionately as

"grandfather of the neighborhood."

Roger Tetu day after day contributed to the neighborhood in countless gestures of love and kindness. Over the years, those simple acts of genuine kindness grew into a powerful positive force.

Roger lived with his wife on the corner of Margaret and Earl for fifty-six years. During that time, he raised his children, opened the door of his home to animals in need of a safe harbor, built beautiful gardens on his prominent corner lot and in a thousand different ways set a truly extraordinary example of what it means to be an engaged citizen on a daily basis.

Roger cared about everything and everyone. He didn't hesitate to act when help was needed. A firefighter at nearby Station 7 remembers Roger as the only bystander to leave the safety of the sidelines immediately following a traffic accident that left a young girl severely injured on the same corner where Roger would lose his life a year later. After the girl was transported from the scene of the accident, she confided to her parents that she knew she was going to be okay because God told her so. After a short moment of confusion, her parents knew exactly who she meant: Roger Tetu, the man with the flowing white beard who had so kindly and without hesitation appeared at her side to comfort her.

In that same spirit of kindness, Roger has been a quiet, consistent comfort to our community for nearly six decades. His loss will, indeed, be felt for many years to come.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is establishing an annual Award named for Roger Tetu. The first Roger Tetu Award will be given this year to Roger's family in honor of Roger at the Community Dinner and Meeting on October 17. Each year, this award will present an opportunity to celebrate the good works of "community members who offer kindness without hesitation on a daily basis."

Roger's Neighbors are planning a memorial that will honor his life and the great love Roger had for our community. A few of the ideas neighbors are considering are installing a bench in the park across the street from Roger's home or planting a boulevard garden to attract butterflies, one of Roger's favorite hobbies. It's a small gesture to show our gratitude for the life's work of an extraordinary neighbor, a great man we can only hope to emulate.

To contribute to this memorial in our community, send your tax-deductible donation to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 E. 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106. **The October 17 Community Dinner and Meeting is FREE and open to the public – RSVP by calling 651-772-2075. Please see page 1 of this paper for more information.**

Learn about your neighbors; attend the Bridging Cultural Understanding series at Metro State

This school year, Metropolitan State University is presenting a series of introductions to various cultural communities. Each session will cover a brief history of that month's selected culture, as well as information about traditions, names, identity, communication, family structures, belief systems, and health.

In September the Hmong culture was featured. On October 19, learn about the Latino culture. Upcoming events in the series include:

November 9: American Indian	March 28: Karen Community
February 8: Somali Community	April 11: LGBTQ Community

These events are free and open to the public; light refreshments or dessert will be provided. No RSVP required; Contact 651-793-1542 for questions or details. This event is sponsored by the Asian and Asian American Student Services, Diversity Learning Task Force and, in part, by student activity fees.