

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## National Night Out: Tuesday, August 7



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Neighborhood children enjoyed National Night Out 2011 at Mounds Park United Methodist Church.

by Karin DuPaul  
Community Organizer,  
Dayton's Bluff Community  
Council

Celebrate community with your neighbors in Dayton's Bluff on National Night Out: **Tuesday, August 7**. Neighborhood groups and block clubs are planning a variety of activities for their NNO events. Some have a barbecue or a potluck; others may have a magic show, live bands, kids' games, etc. This is the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out, which is celebrated nationwide. Most celebrations start around **6:00 or 6:30 pm**. Bring a dish or dessert to share, and join your neighbors. Another way to celebrate is to get all of your neighbors to turn on outside lights from dusk to dawn. For more information or to plan a National Night Out event in your neighborhood, call Karin at 651-776-0550.

The following is a list of some of the Dayton's Bluff National Night Out celebrations:

- **Reaney Avenue** between Forest and Cypress Streets
- **Bethlehem Lutheran/Beech-Margaret/654 Block Club** at Margaret and Forest Streets
- **Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club** at Maria Avenue and Euclid Street
- **Mounds Park Neighborhood** at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard
- **Wilson Avenue Block Club** between Forest and Cypress Streets
- **Mounds Park United Methodist Church** at Earl and Euclid Streets
- **Swede Hollow Park** at Greenbrier and Margaret Streets
- **St. Paul Federal Credit Union** at 1330 Conway Street
- **Parkway Gardens** at Hudson Road and Johnson Parkway (for residents, at 3:00 pm)
- **Bates and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Block Club** at Bates Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street
- **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church** at 674 Johnson Parkway
- **Clarence Street** between Burns and McLean Avenues

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Please see page 7 of this  
paper for more information  
about the life of Roger Tetu  
and the annual award.



Photo by Deanna Foster

The facade of Cleo Kelly's historic building at Margaret and 7th Street could be restored as part of the "Million Will Make it Happen on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street" program. See story, page 3.

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## Play 7<sup>th</sup> Street Monopoly

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On **Friday, August 17, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm**, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council presents **A Night Out on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street**. The event is fun way to feature our local businesses, involve residents in the growth of a vibrant Business District in our neighborhood, and bring the community together for a memorable celebration. Bring your family and friends to East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, from Metropolitan State University to the Beacon Bluff (3M) redevelopment site, where you will find business representatives out on the sidewalk ready to talk about the richness of products and services available in the neighborhood. There will be coupons and special deals offered for the evening, including lots of free stuff and extra fun for the kids. This is an event for all ages – so come on down to East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and **walk the Make it Happen District**.

Look for the volunteers in their bright green *Make it Happen* t-shirts. The green color represents the new growth and renewed energy that is alive in the Dayton's Bluff business community. Volunteers will guide you to the clearly-marked "starting points" on each block, where you can get your 7<sup>th</sup> Street Monopoly boards that will guide you through the businesses on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. By playing the game and visiting all the businesses, you will earn "CHANCE" tickets that will be entered in the "COMMUNITY CHEST" prize drawings at the end of the evening. Each family will receive a free *Make it Happen* string backpack to hold the information and prizes collected along the route. Watch for the designated parking areas and stay safe by crossing the streets at the crosswalks. There will be a climbing wall and jump castle for the kids, plus free popcorn, water and ice cream. Don't miss the police officers on horseback!

Remember: The more businesses you visit, the more giveaway items, special deals and chances to win prizes you will earn. Our **Grand Prize is a Kindle Fire** plus a gift card to purchase your first online books. Come out after work! Bring your family and friends and **plan to eat out on 7<sup>th</sup> Street** during this fun night out. You will gain a whole new awareness of businesses in our district and learn how you can "buy local," including many everyday services and great food. It also provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors and those who work in our district.

**Mark your calendars for Friday, August 17, 5:00 to 8:00 pm.**

Call Tabitha at 651-332-9069 if you want your business to be represented, or if you are willing to volunteer at this community event.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council  
**Make it  
HAPPEN**  
on East 7th Street Initiative

### Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, August 2, from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office, 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The object is to work on community-building, as well as criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other concerns or good things in the Bluff.

Please submit addresses of any problem properties to [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or 651-772-2075 before the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

### Small business classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program is taking applications for the **fall 2012** class, which starts in **September**. 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 two such classes each year since 1993.

Classroom training lasts 10 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.

The registration fee is based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so don't wait to apply. For an application, email [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or call her at 651-772-2075.

### Dayton's Bluff garden tours

The walking tours are a great way to see lovely neighborhood gardens, get some new ideas for your garden, and meet other neighborhood gardeners. Please email [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or call 651-772-2075 for more info.

### Dayton's Bluff Beat Phone

The Police Beat Phone, 651-341-7637, is available for residents' calls. It is not answered on officers' days off, when they are having special training, or on vacations. Call about ongoing neighborhood problems; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10:00 pm; police-related questions, etc. **If you need police right away or see a crime in progress, call 911 or 651-291-1111.**

### Donate your junk car

Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junker and dispose of it at no charge to you. The vehicle owner receives a tax deduction, and the Dayton's Bluff Community Council will receive a donation. Call 651-772-2075 or email [june@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:june@daytonsbluff.org).

### Meet the police

The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meeting for community members at 722 Payne Avenue, at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are **Wednesday, August 15, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, August 17, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

### Take-a-Hike August 4

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, August 4**. Hikers meet at **10:30 am** in 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. Share stories about recent and distant history of Dayton's Bluff. Transportation to Indian Mounds Park is available, if required. All are welcome.

### Friends of Swede Hollow

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. Please call to confirm the location. The next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm** at 622 Beaumont Street. For more information, email [swedehollow@gmail.com](mailto:swedehollow@gmail.com) or call 651-776-0550.

### August 4 Mayor Coleman budget talk open to public

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will host a community conversation at Swede Hollow conference room at 725 7<sup>th</sup> Street E (two doors east of the Swede Hollow Café) on **Saturday, August 4, from 9:30 am – 11:00 am**. Mayor Coleman hopes to meet with residents to discuss the challenges St. Paul faces in the budget this year. This event is one of four talks about the 2013 budget that Coleman is hosting, and the only one on the East Side of St. Paul. City Council President Kathy Lantry and Director of Finance Todd Hurley will also be in attendance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Dayton's Bluff Arts and Cultures Committee updates

by Kelly Lundeen  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council  
Arts and Cultures Committee

The Dayton's Bluff Arts and Cultures Committee has been looking at culture through the lens of history by attending history-related events, including the play *The Murdered Minstrel of Toil: The Joe Hill Story* at the Historic Mounds Theatre in June – check back next month for a review – and the “U.S- Dakota War of 1862” exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in July. In June, we held our meeting at La Cabaña Restaurant on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. In July we met at Hmong Village on Johnson Parkway. We are currently collaborating with Sacred Heart Church around the policy change related to undocumented youth, and planning a speaking event on the different groups of people historically and presently residing in Dayton's Bluff. Join us at our next meeting on **Monday, August 20 at 6:00 pm** at Carbone's Pizzeria, 680 7<sup>th</sup> Street East (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Maria). If you are interested in learning more about the Arts and Cultures Committee, call the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at (651) 772-2075. Also, mark your calendars for September 9, and watch next month's *Forum* for more information about the Sacred Heart Church Latin American Fiesta.

## Upcoming opportunities at... **Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center**

- **Teen and Youth open gym**  
Open gym space for teens and youth to participate in basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, etc. Teens age 13-18 must show a school ID to participate. Call 651-793-3885 for information.
- **Bluff Club (for boys and girls ages 11-14):** Make a difference in your neighborhood. The Bluff Club helps out at holiday parties and special events selling concessions and participating in teen opportunities! For more information please call Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center at 651-793-3885.
- **Girls' Group for ages 12-17**
- **Free Zumba class** on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center dance room.
- **Night Moves basketball league at Harding High School**  
There will be two leagues consisting of six teams each on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-8:30 pm. Players can still be accepted if roster space is available. Night Moves will be held at the Harding High School field house. If you have questions, please call Dayton's Bluff Rec Center.
- **Free Summer Lunch program** will be offered again this summer for kids 18 and under through August 24. We will offer hot lunch from noon-1:00 pm and snack from 4:00-5:00 pm.
- **Movie Mondays**  
We will show movies in the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center theater all summer long beginning at 5:00 pm on Mondays. Requests for movies must be made by 4:00 pm each Friday. The movie with the most requests will be shown.



**The Dayton's Bluff Rec Center is located at 800 Conway Street.**

**651-793-3885**

**Stop by and check us out!**



Photo courtesy of Eric Buck

Volunteers of all ages pitch in to rebuild a Dayton's Bluff homeowner's deck during the MPUMC's Urban C.R.O.S.S. community service week in June.

## Urban C.R.O.S.S. continues to make an impact in third year

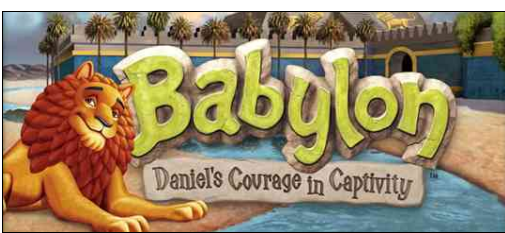
by Jan Pluff, MPUMC volunteer

Mounds Park United Methodist Church (MPUMC) held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Urban C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out in Service to St. Paul) the week of June 10. Around 54 volunteers came to Dayton's Bluff from places like Minneapolis, Rosemount, Waseca, South Dakota, and right here in St. Paul to help with projects in our community along with many other support staff. Volunteers slept at a local church, ate breakfast and supper and worshiped at MPUMC, showered at the East-side YMCA, then worked all day at the job sites. Other volunteers baked goodies, served meals, and delivered work supplies to the workers.

Projects included repair and rebuilding decks, repair roofs, building a fence, lots of painting of people's homes and garages, mortar repair, yard cleanup, and planting along East 7<sup>th</sup> Street for "Make It Happen." Approximately 1,044 hours were spent on projects themselves. Work recipients were very happy for the help. At the end of the week of work, volunteers, church members, and work recipients met for a banquet celebration and fellowship.

Check out the photos, community sponsors, etc. by visiting [www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html](http://www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html). Also check out the "How Others Can Help" web page for Urban Cross 2013.

## Vacation Bible School at Mounds Park UM Church



1049 Euclid Street  
Monday-Friday, August 13-17  
Free dinner at 5:30 pm  
Intergenerational program:  
6:00-8:00 pm

## Neighborhood Health Screening Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Mounds Park United Methodist Church  
1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl & Euclid)



Mounds Park United Methodist Church has been selected to host a Community Health Screening, staffed by Allina Health as part of the Neighborhood Health Connection. It is **free** & open to **ages 10 to adult**. There will be health counseling after having the opportunity to have a blood pressure check, Body Mass Index (BMI)/Waist Circumference, and either a fasting full-lipid profile & glucose or a non-fasting total cholesterol/HDL/glucose. It is a great opportunity for

everyone in our neighborhood! We will also have applications available for folks who may want to apply for MNCare or Medical Assistance.

Mounds Park Church is hosting this at the same time as our **Glorious Grocery Give-Away**, which is held on the third Saturday of each month. Doors open at 9:30 am to our guests; groceries are given out between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon.

All these opportunities are free and available to everyone. May you be blessed! Questions? Call the Mounds Park church office: 651-774-8736.



## Dayton's Bluff Community Council **Make it HAPPEN** on East 7th Street Initiative

by Deanna Foster  
Executive Director

Dayton's Bluff Community Council

The application for Neighborhood STAR funds to promote economic development in Dayton's Bluff received the support of the Mayor and City Council, ensuring the implementation of numerous capital improvements in the East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Business District. This long-neglected business hub between Payne Avenue and Arcade Street on St. Paul's East Side will receive an infusion of funding for improvements focused on current business retention and growth, as well as the attraction of new businesses to occupy vacant properties. Over the next three years, we expect to change the face of 7<sup>th</sup> Street by improving consumers' experience walking and shopping in the district, creating a hub for community interaction and building a base for strengthening the economic future of Dayton's Bluff.

This proposal faced a highly competitive process for approval, with 53 applicants vying for a total of \$3,795,300 in this STAR funding round. Bolstered by overwhelming local support from business and resident leaders, the *Million Will Make it Happen on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street* program was also a top priority for City Council President Kathy Lantry, who represents Ward 7 which

## Dayton's Bluff Community Council receives \$500,000 for East 7<sup>th</sup> Street

includes Dayton's Bluff. This \$500,000 award for East 7<sup>th</sup> Street is especially significant, because the allocation of STAR funding, before this year, was disproportionately low for Ward 7 on St. Paul's East Side.

The *Make it Happen* initiative of the Community Council is a major implementation partner for the newly adopted *Near East Side Roadmap*, a part of St. Paul's Comprehensive Plan. The STAR funding represents one of many strategies to improve the residential and business environment in the neighborhood. This \$500,000 combined loan and grant program provides monetary incentives to invest in building improvements that:

- 1) Support local business ownership of properties;
- 2) Enhance visual appeal of building facades;
- 3) Upgrade interiors to retain current businesses and attract new businesses;
- 4) Improve business signage for visibility and esthetics;
- 5) Provide remediation, repair or replacement of highly-visible damage or blight;
- 6) Encourage shared parking, increased parking lot efficiency, and landscape amenities.

For further information on this program, call the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.

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# ST. PAUL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Tuesday, August 7th 2012

In the city of Saint Paul, National Night Out (NNO) has been an annual event on the first Tuesday of every August for the past 28 years. It is citywide celebration that includes all segments of the community to "Give Drugs & Crime A Going Away Party"! This will continue to build stronger, healthier, neighborhoods with the quality of life that everyone desires and deserves. NNO also helps to build partnerships & trust between police & community. Although NNO is a one day/night of the year event, neighbors repeatedly report that the neighbors they meet that day help to build stronger neighborhoods throughout the year. The relationships enable them to stay connected to one another, and help to encourage dialogue between each other so if they see or hear activities, they inform each other.

Last year's NNO involved community members, law enforcement agencies, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. In all there were over 15,000 communities nationwide and more than 37 million people participated in NNO 2011! In Saint Paul, we had close to 300 events and it was estimated more than 34,000 people participated!

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS DESIGNED TO:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

Neighborhoods choose what works for them as far as what and how they will hold their events. Along with the traditional block parties, many neighbors 'celebrate' NNO with events and activities such as: cook outs, pot luck dinners, games, sidewalk chalk, and treasure hunts, parades and treasure hunts

**Get involved and strengthen your neighborhood with an NNO event!  
Contact Pam McCreary for more information at 651-266-5455.**

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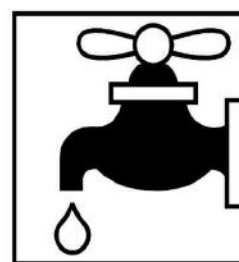


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## Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup & FREE Stuff Area

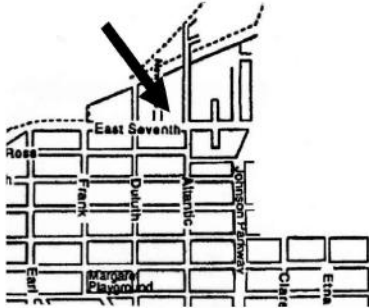
Saturday, September 8, 2012

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Ray Anderson & Sons

North of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Atlantic and Phalen Corridor  
(933 Atlantic)

This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff residents only.



### COSTS

**Entrance:** \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck and trailers. **No dump trucks.**  
**Extra Fees:** \$10 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat. \$10 child car seats each  
\$3 per car tire; \$5 per truck tire  
Electronics: \$10 to \$25 depending on the item.

You may also bring: fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, bicycles, demolition debris, clean wood, concrete/rocks. All guidelines will be strictly adhered to and we reserve the right to turn away any person or vehicle. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to refuse any item or close the site early if costs exceed budget.

### WHAT TO BRING

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

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

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

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

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

**DO NOT bring appliances to the cleanup.** Instead, call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 6, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 10. Cost is \$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.

### 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 for curbside pickup.

**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, St. Paul, open Wednesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm (April-October) and Saturday 9:00-4:00 pm only (November-March)

**No leaves, grass or brush:** Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 am-7:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

**No curbside recycling materials:** Dayton's Bluff District 4 curbside recycling is picked up every Tuesday. Have your recycling at the curb by 7:00 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. The cleanup will once again feature a Reuse Area so that used items that still have some life left in them can be shared with new owners. Good stuff like dishes, furniture, building materials, cabinets, lawnmowers, bikes, toys and other items in good condition will be set aside in the Reuse Area for anyone to take home. All materials in the Reuse Area are free and there is no charge to enter this area. **Items must be hauled away from the Free Stuff area by noon on cleanup day or it all goes in the dumpster. So bring your car, truck or trailer.**



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

### Sponsors and Rules

The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of 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 Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.**



## Italian opera coming to Dayton's Bluff

from a Mixed Precipitation press release

Mixed Precipitation presents its fourth edible extravaganza celebrating the sustainable food movement, bringing opera and theater to Skidmore Park Community Gardens and Swede Hollow Park. In a lively and festive adaptation of Mozart's 1780 Italian opera, *Idomeneo, ré di Creta* (King of Crete), the Picnic Operetta continues as a neighborhood tradition celebrating the harvest season.

Mozart and Librettist Gaimbattista Varesco based their opera on a version of the Greek story of General Idomeneus, with inspiration from the Greek Pantheon and

Homer's Odyssey. The opera takes place in the years following the Trojan war as the Trojan women face a new life enslaved by the Greeks. *Idomeneo, ré di Creta* is considered an early Mozart masterwork and his first "great opera." The score contains several majestic choruses, *Placido e il mar*, *Nettuno s'onori* and the famous quartet *Andrò ramingo e solo*.

Our adaption, *The Return of King Idomeneo*, brings the myth to life on the urban streets of mid-century America. The hometown heroes of Crete are returning victorious from the long and bloody Trojan War. Idomeneo can barely recognize the town that he left. As the town attempts to move toward reconciliation and peace, angry Neptune, god of the sea, prepares to unleash his sewage monsters. Mozart's epic music comes to a 1950s street corner with a unique mash-up of passionate arias, exciting chorus, '50s doo-wop and '60s girl groups. This magical story is family-friendly and full of adventure.

The experience is made all the more savory with Chef Nick Schneider's five-course sampling menu of locally-sourced treats created especially for this performance. Our story is told in Italian, English and the universal language of food!

Mixed Precipitation enters its fourth year presenting work in the Twin Cities. Helmed by Scotty Reynolds, Mixed Precipitation is dedicated to exploring text, space and dramatic form with live performance events that encourage social engagement. Their signature event is the annual PICNIC OPERETTA. In previous years, *Orpheus and Eurydice*, *Tales of Hoffmann*, and *Alcina's Island* played to capacity crowds throughout the metro area. Collaborating chef Nick Schneider is a master gardener and has worked at Cafe Brenda and Spoon River specializing in Mediterranean-inspired seasonal farm-to-table cuisine. The cast features tenor Jim Ahrens as the tormented King Idomeneo and bass James Ramlet as his advisor, Arbace. Tenor Brad Bradshaw will sing the role of the dutiful Prince Idamante. His love interest is Ilia, the Trojan Princess, played by Picnic Operetta veteran soprano Lauren Drasler. Drasler stole the show as Olympia, the wind-powered automaton, in *Tales of Hoffmann* in 2010, and as the ferocious truckstop waitress, Morgana, in last year's *Alcina's Island*. Musical director Marya Hart will fuse the Mozart and doo-wop using street instruments. Other key creative staff include set and props designer Soozin Herschmugl, costume designer Teresa Mock and choreographer Nancy Nair. Scotty Reynolds also directed the opera "Swede Hollow" created by Ann Millikan, featured at Art in the Hollow in June.

Two performances will be in Dayton's Bluff: **Sunday, August 19** at Skidmore Park Community Gardens on East 4<sup>th</sup> Street east of Earl Street; and **Saturday, September 22** in Swede Hollow Park (enter at Beaumont Street and Drewry Lane, one block southeast from Payne Ave and E Minnehaha Ave).

To reserve your seats, please call 612-619-2112 or visit [mixedprecipitation.org](http://mixedprecipitation.org). Seating is very limited. Reservations may be made for each show on our website and over the phone. Audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Voluntary donations collected at the end of the performance. No one is turned away for lack of funds.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

## Global United Pageant at the Mounds Theatre

by Raeann Ruth  
Executive Director of  
the Mounds Theatre

Join us August 25 at 7:00 pm at the Historic Mounds Theatre for the Global United Pageant.

The Global United Pageant is committed to seeking contestants and titleholders who exemplify the beauty that comes from serving others in the community. Our pageant pairs with organizations from all over the world to give to those in need. One permanent partnership is with Isaac's Journey, which raises funds for childhood cancer research in honor of Linda Lieser, 2011 Mrs. Global United, and in memory of her son Isaac, who passed in 2008 due to childhood cancer.

The pageant's crowns each hold a dimensional gold ribbon, to represent Childhood Cancer Awareness.

Currently, contestants are confirmed from Guatemala, South Africa, Singapore, Malaysia, The Grand Cayman Islands, Belgium, Southeast Asia, and the U.S.

The winning titleholder receives a donation of at least \$50 to the charity of her choice.

This year, guests attending the pageant are asked to donate a gift to the Historic Mounds Theatre to receive a discount on their ticket purchase.

Tickets are \$15, or \$10 with a donation. Seating is limited, so order your tickets early: [www.globalunitedpageant.com](http://www.globalunitedpageant.com). The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN; [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org); 651-772-2253

Tired of the status quo? Just tired?

## Check out the campaign for a Mass Party of Labor

by Marcus and Laura Mayo  
Dayton's Bluff residents

Our family has lived in Dayton's Bluff for nearly six and a half years. We moved into the neighborhood because we were able to find a first home that was relatively affordable, with the knowledge that the crime rate was declining, and that, for the most part, housing prices were still on the rise. Of course, shortly after we moved in, things began changing very rapidly. Within a few years, due to conditions and circumstances completely out of our control, the value of our house, like many others in the neighborhood, had dropped tremendously. During the past few years we have watched hard-working neighbors struggle to keep their heads above water, like so many other people throughout the country. While our policymakers in Washington have assured the survival of banks, whose complete lack of accountability and use of complex mathematical formulas resulted in the expansion of the subprime housing market, little more than lip service has been offered to working Americans. This raises a question that many of us have been asking ourselves: Who in government represents the working/middle class? Of course, both parties claim to, but their policies would beg to differ. In fact, when it comes time to vote for a candidate, many people feel they are voting for the lesser of two evils when choosing their party lines – is that really a choice at all?

The people in control of government and the people and corporations in control of the financial sector were not even remotely impacted by their own crisis in the same way that vast numbers of workers like you and I were impacted. In fact, according to recent figures released by the Federal Reserve, families in the top 10% income bracket in the U.S. enjoyed a slight increase in net worth from 2007 to 2010, while most Americans – including those who can least afford to – experienced a drastic loss in net worth.

Why are things this way? Must we continually be forced to accept the status quo and continue to fight for every single crumb that we can get, while those at the top reap the vast majority of the rewards of our hard work? Perhaps the time has come for workers, middle-class Americans and labor unions to form their own party, a truly democratic party, one not corrupted by corporate influence and corporate donations. Instead of the majority of us fighting over the crumbs thrown down by the minority, we can gather together and represent ourselves to assure policies are made with us in mind, not despite us.

We are working with a campaign to bring up the question of a mass party of labor to the public. If you are interested in finding out more about the Campaign for Mass Party of Labor (CMPL) or if you'd like to help, please check out the web site at [www.masspartyoflabor.org](http://www.masspartyoflabor.org).

## Acción diferida para los jóvenes indocumentados

by Marisela Cantu, abogado de Dayton's Bluff

En la historia americana, personas han emigrado de otros países a los Estados Unidos para vivir en busca de un sueño a sí mismos mejor financieramente o escapar de disturbios políticos. Algunas de estas personas están en los Estados Unidos legalmente; otros, no. La diferencia depende de la ley, y la ley está cambiando constantemente.

El 15 de junio de 2012, departamento de seguridad nacional (DHS) Secretaria Janet Napolitano emitió un memorando de aduanas y protección fronteriza (CBP), ciudadanía estadounidense y servicios de inmigración (USCIS) e inmigración y aduanas (ICE). El memorando dirigida que ciertos jóvenes que llegaron a Estados Unidos como los niños que no suponen un riesgo para la seguridad nacional o seguridad pública y que cumplan los criterios especificados, serán elegibles para "acción diferida." Acción diferida es una decisión discrecional de DHS no para perseguir la aplicación contra una persona para dos años, sujeto a renovación. Estas personas podrán solicitar una autorización de trabajo.

Napolitano señala en su memorándum que las leyes de inmigración de nuestra nación no son "...pensadas para quitar jóvenes productivos a países donde no se puede haber vivido o incluso hablar el idioma. De hecho, muchos de estos jóvenes ya han contribuido a nuestro país de manera significativa..."

Una subvención de acción diferida no conceder la condición de inmigración legal o alterar el estatus de inmigración existente de un individuo. Se considera un período de estancia autorizada. Durante el período de estancia, individuos no acumulan presencia ilegal en los Estados Unidos. Solicitudes de socorro son que decidirá sobre una base de caso por caso y los solicitantes deben pasar una verificación de antecedentes. Napolitano

señalado que aplase la acción no confiere derechos sustantivos, estatus migratorio o camino a la ciudadanía.

Para ser elegible para la acción diferida, los individuos deben proporcionar documentación que verifique (1) llegaron a los Estados Unidos cuando eran menores de 16; (2) tener continuamente residía en los Estados Unidos durante al menos cinco años antes del 15 de junio de 2012 y estuvieron presentes en los Estados Unidos el 15 de junio de 2012; (3) están actualmente en la escuela, se han graduado de escuela secundaria, han obtenido un certificado de desarrollo (GED) de educación general; o son honorablemente descargados veteranos de la guardia costera de Estados Unidos o de las fuerzas armadas de los Estados Unidos; (4) no han sido condenados por un delito, un delito importante, múltiples delitos, o de lo contrario una amenaza para la seguridad nacional o seguridad pública; y (5) no están por encima de los 30 años.

Personas que cumplan con los criterios de elegibilidad podrán presentar solicitudes de acción diferida al USCIS. USCIS debe establecer un proceso de solicitud antes del 14 de agosto de 2012. Algunas disposiciones del memorando entraron en vigor inmediatamente. En particular, ICE y CBP fueron instruidos para abstenerse de colocar personas que cumplan con los criterios de elegibilidad en procedimientos de remoción o estar fuera de los Estados Unidos.

Marisela E. Cantu es un abogado con más de 10 años de experiencia legal en las áreas de inmigración, la familia y la ley de discapacidad del Seguro Social. Actualmente está trabajando fuera de la oficina de Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 7<sup>th</sup> Street East, St. Paul y puede ser contactado en 651-239-8195.

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## Community clean up: a success

by Lorri Barnett, special to the Forum

The June 26 community clean up was a huge success! Ten Eastside Neighbors Helping Neighbors (ENHN) volunteers picked up 30 bags of trash from several locations, including Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center and Elementary School. The most rewarding part of the day came when two young community members asked to join our efforts. They worked with smiles on their faces. "I like helping my neighbors, Mother Nature, and my community," one boy said. House District 67B Candidate John Quinn also joined the effort. John put on his tri-corn hat and a pair of gloves and spent the afternoon getting to know his neighbors and community. Quinn said, "It was great to get together and accomplish something worthwhile. We picked up a lot of trash and got to know each other in the process. I can't wait to do it again." Eastside Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a group of residents working together to establish relationships and prosperity. Please join us to help make the eastside clean, strong and safe: email [barnett.lorri@gmail.com](mailto:barnett.lorri@gmail.com) to join ENHN.



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**People in your neighborhood***People make up the fabric of Dayton's Bluff. Who makes a difference to you? Email [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org).***History corner** *by Steve Trimble, Forum staff***Happy birthday, Lyman Dayton!**

This month I decided to write about a noted neighborhood figure born in August: Lyman Dayton, for whom our community is named. I've written about him before, but a few new facts have emerged.

Lyman Dayton was born on August 25, 1810, in Southington, Connecticut, the third son of 11 children. After a general education, he left for Providence, Rhode Island, where he built a successful business as a wholesale dry goods merchant.

Dayton married Maria Bates, age 18, on January 2, 1831. Their only child, Lyman C., was born around 1834 and later became a lawyer. In 1849, "in consequence of ill-health, [Lyman, Sr.] retired from active labor" and headed for Minnesota.

The family arrived in the St. Paul on September 1, 1849, aboard the *Franklin, No. 2* from St. Louis, Missouri. Unfortunately, the steamboat also delivered cholera to the city. One pioneer remembers that Maria did her best to tend to one of the victims, but he died.

Dayton commenced purchasing and selling real estate. He ended up owning much land in St. Paul and at the junction of the Crow River and the Mississippi, where a town still bears his name.

One writer said that Lyman spent much time going back and forth from the town of Dayton to St. Paul sometimes in "the open and bracing atmosphere... breaking the ground today, in the office tomorrow, and chopping wood and felling trees the next day."

"Lyman Dayton's Addition" in our neighborhood was platted out in 1857. One of the early decisions was naming Maria and Bates Avenues, after his wife. The street on the outer edge of the area was designated East Street, the old name of today's Earl St.

He became a prominent man of St. Paul. While Lyman had his positive side, the *Minnesota Historical Collections* tells of a boundary dispute with William Ames: "They were engaged in a heated controversy at the foot of Dayton's Bluff." Dayton "grew hot in the dispute, and Ames, feeling that the matter should be coolly discussed, picked him up and laid him in the trough of cold spring water, after which the matter was easily adjusted."

Another recorded dispute centered on the 1850s construction of the Territorial Road. When a surveyor named Simpson arrived on June 12, 1855, to lay out a route, Dayton drove him away, saying that no one except the landowner should make such a decision. The thoroughfare was eventually built and a short stretch remains as Point Douglas Road, running from Obb's Bar to Johnson Parkway.

In 1849 Dayton was convicted of "failing to pay an employee on his farm" and was fined \$100 and court costs. A few years later, he was found to have stolen a man's pig and had to make amends.

The 1860 census provides a brief look at the Dayton household. Residents at the time were: Lyman Dayton, 49; Maria Dayton, 47; Lyman C. Dayton, 27; Charles St. Clair, 37, a clerk; Hannah Johnston 18, a servant; Betsy Johnston, 22, a servant, Balt Keton, 35, a laborer; and Patrick McMahon, 21, a laborer.

One of the only lengthy descriptions of Lyman was provided in 1860 by Albert Barnitz. He said that Dayton was "a man of distinguished presence and native vigor," whose "impressive dignity was enhanced by a battered silk hat – an unusual evidence of gentility on the frontier – and the ponderous fob chain with prodigious seals, which dangled at his thigh."

He took Barnitz to the top of the bluff "and discoursed with prophetic fervor of the coming greatness of St. Paul..." offering a tract of 14 acres at a low price.

In October, 1865, after a long illness from chronic gastritis, Lyman Dayton died at his residence in St. Paul. A few years later, the author of *Pen Pictures* remembered Dayton as a man with an "unbounded faith in the growth of St. Paul."

Dayton was buried on his land between East 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets. There he rested until 1869, when his body was moved to an unmarked grave in Oakland Cemetery after Gustav Munch bought the land.

In 1995, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council raised money to purchase a headstone for the remains of our neighborhood namesake. Why not get a group of people together to commemorate celebrate Lyman Dayton's 202<sup>nd</sup> birthday? I'll show up.

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**Commemorating an extraordinary neighbor****Seeking nominations for the annual Roger Tetu Award**

Just one year ago, the Dayton's Bluff community suffered a great loss when Roger Tetu, beloved father, grandfather, neighbor and friend, was tragically killed by a hit-and-run driver. People throughout the Twin Cities were profoundly touched by the tragedy that took the life of Roger Tetu, a man who gave generously of his time and talents to his family and community. Roger was a quiet, consistent comfort to our community for nearly six decades. Day after day Roger contributed to the neighborhood with countless gestures of kindness. Over the years, those simple acts of genuine kind-heartedness grew into a powerful positive force in the Dayton's Bluff community.

Living with his wife on the corner of Margaret and Earl Streets for 56 years, Roger 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, offered comfort amid tragedy and in a thousand different ways set a truly extraordinary example of what it means to be an engaged and caring citizen every day.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council established an annual award named for Roger Tetu. Each year this award presents an opportunity to celebrate the good works of "community members who offer kindness without hesitation on a daily basis." We are seeking nominations for the award to be given at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Annual Meeting and Community Dinner in October. Nominations can be for individuals or groups of any age. We encourage the inclusion of young people beginning their life of community engagement and service. Find a nomination form at [www.daytonsbuff.org](http://www.daytonsbuff.org), or call 651-772-2075.

**Happy birthday, big guy**

**Bennett Younkin Viswanathan is turning one on August 4. He is a joy to have around, always smiling and only egging on his big brother a little bit.**

**Letter to the editor****Thanks, Forum**

I sure enjoy reading the *District Forum*. Please thank Greg Cosimini for the beautiful story on my dear friend, Joe Russo. Also, thanks to Karin DuPaul and Steve Trimble for your continuing contributions! Best wishes.

*Vic Tedesco*  
Dayton's Bluff resident

**New Executive Director for Block Nurse Program**

*by Rhonda Battisto, Executive Director,  
Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living at Home Block  
Nurse Program*

I am very pleased to greet you as the new executive director of Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living at Home Block Nurse Program. I look forward to carrying on the wonderful work that this program's founder, board, staff and volunteers have done since its inception. I am excited to be working with Dayton's Bluff Seniors, building on its strong foundation and vision as we move forward. I am grateful that DBS founder and custodian of the organization's living history, Maryann Chowen, has agreed to serve on our board of directors. She retired as executive director to do public health nursing at Dorothy Day Center and Union Gospel Mission. There is much for us to look forward to, as we work in service in our community supporting our elders and their caregivers.

My personal history includes a strong, lifelong interest in natural holistic wellness. While I was a cosmetologist and co-owner of my family retail and wholesale appliance business, I studied homeopathy extensively and attended workshops on Cranio-sacral Bodywork, Inner Peace, Light Therapy, Reflexology, Memory Training, and Neighborhood Leadership. I am a Spring Forest Qigong Master Healer and a Level 2 Certified Instructor. I volunteered as the SFQ Guild *ReachOut* Program coordinator of volunteers, and worked to introduce Spring Forest Qigong volunteer healers to Dayton's Bluff Seniors for the 'Love Grows Here' (LGH) Wellness Center.

Last year I began working for Dayton's Bluff Seniors, coordinating complimentary and alternative modality volunteer healers for LGH and subsequently joined the Dayton's Bluff Seniors board of directors. I joined the finance committee and enjoyed being on the team to plan and implement our first signature fundraising event, a spaghetti dinner with great entertainment and a successful auction.

I have lived on St. Paul's East Side for 26 years and enjoy life with my family, friends, community involvement, nature, animals, being active, writing, volunteering, travel, helping others to heal, and my daily SFQ practice.

For more information about resources and how Dayton's Bluff Seniors serves our community members, please view our web site: [www.daytonsbuffseniors.org](http://www.daytonsbuffseniors.org) or call 651-776-7210 ext. 303.

**Wells Fargo branches accepting Grime contributions**

Harding High School student Clarisse Grime was killed Thursday, July 5 when an out-of-control SUV struck her on school property. Contributions to the Clarisse Grime fund can be made at any Wells Fargo bank branch.

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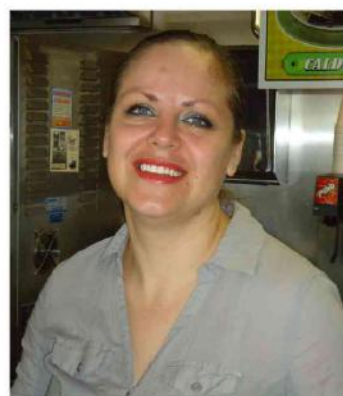
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