

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## Fun for the whole family on National Night Out



photo by Kayla Brinkman Theimer

Neighborhood kids sat in the driver's seat of a fire truck at Mounds Park United Methodist Church on National Night Out August 6.

## Another WOW! National Night Out

by Tabitha Benci DeRango, Dayton's  
Bluff Community Council

National Night Out August 6 was rockin' and rollin' on the Bluff as always! It is so impressive to witness the shared community that we all hold dear, out mingling, eating, dancing, BBQ-ing, playing with dogs, etc. The smiles were contagious and the crowd was alive with pride and ownership of this great diverse community.

Thank you to all the hosting sites for your time and commitment to this event in our neighborhoods, and to all those who participate as a message of solidarity for National Night Out.

There were many of you who participated with the FESTC (Fostering an East Side Transit Conversation) organizers in sharing your thoughts and opinions on transit for the East Side of St. Paul. Thank you for taking the time to do so. We want to hear from you about what the needs and dreams are for the future of our community on the East Side. Feel free to contact this FESTC group through the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.

## Be active, involved: Dayton's Bluff Community Council seeks board members

submitted by DBCC

Dayton's Bluff is a wonderful place and amazing things are happening here. Folks across the neighborhood pitch in to help make these great things happen, and we could always use more active and involved neighbors. Are you looking for a way to get involved in some of this exciting stuff? Maybe you are new to the neighborhood and are hunting for a way to get connected. Maybe you have lived here for a while and are passionate about all that Dayton's Bluff is and could be. Don't be shy! Consider taking an active role in Dayton's Bluff as a neighborhood leader. While there are a variety of ways you could get involved, the Community Council has a particularly important opportunity coming this fall.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is committed to making sure our neighborhood is a positive place

for everyone who lives, works, and goes to school here. They are hard at work on a variety of initiatives, from promoting business development to supporting equity. In short, the Community Council staff and board are at the center of good things happening here on the Bluff. This fall, the Community Council Board has many open seats to be filled, and that gives YOU an opportunity to get involved in this team of community leaders. Dayton's Bluff is a beautifully diverse neighborhood, and the Community Council hopes new members of the Board will further expand the group's diversity. A role as a Community Council Board member might be just the active opportunity you've been looking for. Your time, tal-

ent, and input could be invaluable as the Council continues its good work. Elections for open board seats will be held at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council Annual Meeting and Community Dinner on October 28. If you would like more information about this opportunity to be active in your community, contact Tabitha at 651-332-9069 or Karin at 651-772-2075.

## Help us find the "Rogers" in Dayton's Bluff

submitted by DBCC

The Roger Tetu award is becoming a Dayton's Bluff tradition. In life, Roger was a quiet, behind-the-scenes guy who didn't draw much attention. But when he was killed in a hit-and-run accident in 2011, we suddenly found ourselves missing all of the little things Roger did each day to make our corner of the neighborhood better: rescuing animals, planting beautiful gardens, connecting with kids, comforting accident victims, and cleaning up a neighborhood park. Dayton's Bluff is full of "Rogers" – folks who selflessly reach out to make our neighborhood a little better, a little brighter. Losing Roger taught us that we need to make time to regularly recognize and honor folks like him. It would be a tragedy to lose another "Roger" before expressing our gratitude. The Roger Tetu award allows us to honor those who quietly carry on

Roger's legacy. Does a "Roger" live on your block? Have you seen a "Roger" at work perhaps making a big difference in little ways? In 2012, the Community Council proudly presented Dale Harbour with the Roger Tetu Award for his service to our neighborhood. The Council is looking for nominations for the 2013 Roger Tetu award to be presented this fall. Please take a minute to ponder the people you know. Is there a young person who has stepped up and made a difference? Perhaps there is a quiet, unassuming neighbor who is known on your block for their kind deeds. The Community Council would like to honor someone who "offers kindness without hesitation on a daily basis" with this year's Roger Tetu Award. Nominations can be for individuals or groups, young or old. Please take a minute to nominate the "Roger" you know! To submit your nomination, please call Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075 or karin@daytonsbluff.org.

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### Friends of Swede Hollow

The next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm**. Email [swedehollow@gmail.com](mailto:swedehollow@gmail.com) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

### Donate your junk car

Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junker at no charge. The vehicle owner receives a tax deduction; the Dayton's Bluff Community Council gets a donation. Call 651-772-2075 or email [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org).

### Meet the police

The Eastern District Police hosts monthly community meetings at 722 Payne Avenue, at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are **Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, September 20, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to address and listen to concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

### Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting is **Thursday, September 5**. The meeting is from **6:30 pm-8:00 pm** at 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Margaret Streets. Agenda items include code enforcement issues and discussion. What can we do to make Dayton's Bluff the best it can be? We need your ideas to make your neighborhood a better place to live.

Issues that come up at this monthly meeting may include problem ad-

resses, problem behavior (both criminal and nuisance behavior), and code enforcement issues. There will be someone from the Department of Safety and Inspections Code Enforcement and the police department at every meeting.

All Dayton's Bluff residents and business people are welcome. Email [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or call 651-772-2075 with addresses of problem properties before the meeting, so we can get them to the police and code enforcement, and they can bring information about the problems to the meeting. For more information, email [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

### Take-a-Hike September 7

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, September 7**. 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. Enjoy lively conversation including stories about the history of the area. Return transportation is available, if required. All are welcome.

### Join STOMP: Stewards Of Margaret Park

This group is open to anyone committed to taking an active role in ensuring that Margaret Park remains a safe and beautiful green space with recreational activities for everyone.

Visit us on Facebook for the latest updates and announcements, or to ask questions or share your thoughts. See [www.facebook.com/stompnmn](http://www.facebook.com/stompnmn).

### Small business classes

Interested in participating in the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program? The next class will begin in September 2013. The program helps start-up and young businesses; all East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. 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. Class size is limited. For an application for the fall session, contact [karin@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbluff.org) or 651-772-2075.

### The Forum needs YOU for a Friend

The *District Forum* newspaper is a nonprofit operation that mails out a free valuable community resource to every address in Dayton's Bluff. Please contribute to the paper at [givemn.razoo.com](http://givemn.razoo.com) under "Hopewell Communications."

Become a *Friend of the Forum* today by donating any amount online, or use the form on page 8 of this paper. Need more information? Email [editor@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbluff.org).

To get an idea of how much an issue of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* costs, each issue requires many volunteer hours put in by neighbors writing, taking photos, and editing. The cost of printing each issue is around \$960.00

per black and white issue, and \$250.00 for editing and layout. Our ad base has fallen off over the years.

Because the *Forum* is a registered 501(c)(3) organization, your donation also gives you the opportunity for a tax deduction. See page 8 to become a *Friend of the Forum* today!

The *Forum* is also still actively seeking paid advertisements for every issue. Consider taking out a one-time ad, or commit to a monthly contribution. Thanks!

### Help make a difference in Dayton's Bluff – join the Community Council Board

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council will hold its annual elections for board members **October 21, 2013**; half (nine) of the 18 the seats are up for election/re-election. The Board is organized into four subdistricts, each with four representatives, and two at-large seats. We are actively seeking candidates for board positions.

Interested residents and business owners (18 years and older) should file for these positions, at the District Council office 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, before **September 16 at 7:00 pm**.

Dayton's Bluff is a diverse community that welcomes all newcomers and strongly encourages everyone to contact the office (651-772-2075), or the Council web site [www.daytonsbluff.org](http://www.daytonsbluff.org), to learn more about how they can make a difference in Dayton's Bluff. All are welcome as we seek board and organizational participants who fully reflect the people who live and/or operate businesses in Dayton's Bluff.

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



- **Judo:** Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm.
- **Free Zumba!** Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm in the dance room.
- **Seniors "500" card playing,** every Friday, 12:00 noon-4:00 pm.
- **Free Rec Check program,** 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades; registration is open to the public.
- **High school open volleyball:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm.
- **East Side Pride and Youth Day:** Saturday, September 21, 11:00am-4:00pm

#### ● Open gyms:

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, Pre K-8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, high school only.

#### ● Girls group: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm, ages 10-13.

- **Parent & Tot Time:** ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 noon.

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

**Stop by and check us out!**

### September events at Mounds Park United Methodist Church

from a MPUMC release

**Sunday Schedule:**

10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship  
Communion is the first Sunday of every month.

There will be a Hymn Sing on Sunday, September 1 at 10:20 am. Make sure you show up at 10:20 am on Sunday morning to sing your favorite hymn before the service.

Sunday School Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 8. Mark your calendars now; more information will be coming at a later date.

Family Movie Night will be returning the evening of Saturday, September 21.

Feed My Starving Children: A group will travel to Eagan on September 28 for a food-packing event. At the Feed My Starving Children facility, participants have the opportunity to "hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, which



Photo by Kayla Brinkman

Neighbors gathered out in front of Mounds Park United Methodist Church in celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6.

are then sent to nearly 70 countries around the world!" (from www.fm-sc.org).

The pastor of MPUMC is Dennis Al-

exander. Call 651-774-8736, email secretarympumc@yahoo.com, or visit www.moundsparkumc.org for more information.

### Watch the glow of the setting sun and enjoy a cookout

by Karin DuPaul  
Friends of Swede Hollow

Come and delight in stories and songs from former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's Brewery employees at the annual "Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery" event hosted by Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH).

The event will start at 6:30 pm on September 21 and everyone is welcome to attend. Meet at the Henge in Swede Hollow Park near the Drewry Lane and Beaumont entrance to watch the setting sun with its bright glow on the brewery building. After the sun sets, the evening cookout and socializing begins.

Former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's employees share memories of the good old days of living in the Hollow and working at the brewery. For more information, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call Karin at 651-776-0550.

### Agent Fidelio – a picnic operetta

by Romi Slowak

This 1805 Beethoven opera of revolution and liberation is distilled and retold in the colorful and festive style that Picnic Operetta is famous for. Emerging from the gardens throughout the Twin Cities will be secret agents, covert operations and undercover antics – all mashed-up with many musical surprises (including a dose of reggae) and served with a sampling menu of locally-sourced bites! On Sunday, September 15, the operetta will be held in Swede Hollow Park – enter from Beaumont and Drewry Lane at 4:00 pm. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on. For more information and tickets, see www.mixedprecipitation.com or call 1-800-838-3006.

### O ye of little faith: Pastor Davis is calling

by Karin DuPaul, Forum staff



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Evangelist Pastor Emma Jean Davis has started a non-denominational church: Seed of Faith All Nation Church. She encourages the community to attend. The worship services are the first and third Sunday of every month (except for September, due to the Labor Day holiday). Come hear the dynamic teaching and preaching from the infallible word of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Pastor Davis' church gets its name from Matthew 17:20, wherein Jesus describes "faith as small as a mustard seed."

Pastor Davis holds her license and ordination from World Christianity Ministries, Pentecostal Assemblies of the World Inc., and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies.

The next service will be September 8, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at 798 East 7th Street. For more information, call Pastor Davis at 651-600-2787.

### Diverse drums to beat on the bluff

by Steve Trimble, Forum staff

The first annual "Drumming on the Bluff" event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center at 800 Conway Street. It is free and will run from 12:00 noon-4:00 pm.

"Drumming on the Bluff" will be held in conjunction with the East Side Pride celebration sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center. They will have family-friendly attractions including kids' games, information booths, and free food.

Almost all cultures make use of some kind of drums, but this is the first time that some of the diverse kinds of music will be brought together in one place and at the

same time. The featured groups are all held in high esteem in their communities and this is a rare chance for our neighborhood to experience this unique gathering.

The Drumming event is being produced by the Arts and Cultures Committee of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and is part of their mission of presenting programs that help residents of the neighborhood learn about our increasingly diverse cultural area.

Some of the groups already committed include: Kalpulli Yao-cenoxtli, an Aztec dance group; Drumheart, from the Women's Drum Center; Batucada do Norte, a Brazilian organization; and Earthshake Rhythm Ensemble, which plays traditional West African-style drumming.

There will be also one or two youth organizations, and several other drum-

ming groups are being lined up. One of the most noted of them is the Center for Irish Music's Youth Ensemble, featuring Caillean Magee, who was a recent winner at the Midwest Fleadh Com-

petition.

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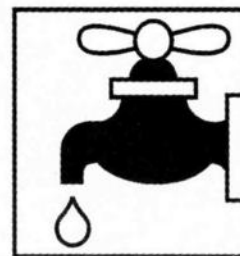


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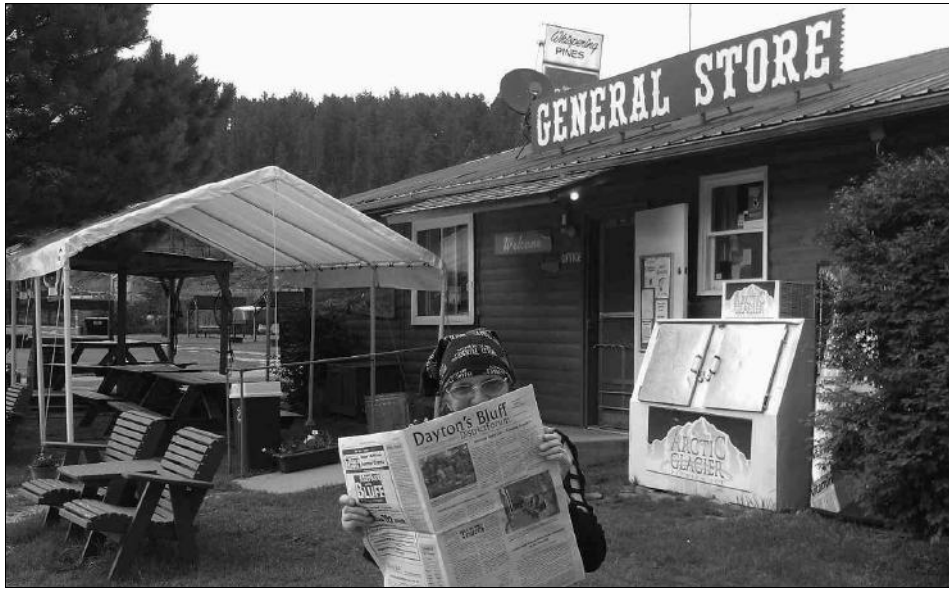
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## Howdy from South Dakota!



Community Organizer Karin DuPaul was caught reading the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* at Whispering Pines Campgrounds on Highway 385 near Silver City, in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

## National Night Out



photo by Diane Michele May

Every block tells a story. Above: Folks gathered on the sidewalk and grass in Dayton's Bluff to celebrate National Night Out on August 6. Below: The giant bounce house was donated by Garza Rentals for the NNO event at Mounds Park United Methodist Church.



photo by Kayla Brinkman Theimer



## Dayton's Bluff & District 1 Cleanup & FREE Stuff Area Saturday, September 14, 2013

9:00 am - 12:00 noon in the Hamm Brewery parking lot at 700 East Minnehaha Street (on the south side of Minnehaha)

This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff & District 1 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 per child car seats. \$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.

### WHAT TO BRING:

**Proof of Dayton's Bluff or District 1 residency** in the form of a driver's license or utility bill is required to gain entry. Be prepared to unload your own materials. Materials will be sorted at the site into different dumpsters to maximize recycling.

In order to simplify unloading, vehicles should be loaded in the following manner: **On the bottom of the load:** concrete, bricks, rocks, construction debris, general refuse.

**In the middle of the load:** bikes and scrap metals, mattresses/box springs, tires, clean dry carpet

**On the top of the load:** reusable household items, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, child car seats

**Remember: DO NOT bring appliances to the cleanup. See below for appliance pickup information.**

### 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. Appliances can be picked up at your curb.**

Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 12, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 16. Cost \$25 for the first appliance, \$10 for each additional appliance (there is a \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner and water softener). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, water softeners and water heaters.

**No Car Batteries:** Bring car batteries to a store that sells them. All stores and service 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 am-4:00 pm (November-March)

**No Leaves, Grass or Brush:** Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11:00 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:

The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, City of St. Paul and the Eureka Recycling.

### Rules:

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.



**St. Paul City Council President Kathy Lantry cares about the kids of Dayton's Bluff**

Summer is ending and children will soon be back in school.

**Please drive safely!**

Have a lovely autumn!

*Right: Children and instructors celebrate the last day of St. Paul Urban Tennis classes at Eastview Rec Center.*



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**Dayton's Bluff celebrates love**

*by Jennifer Herman,  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council*

On Saturday, August 10, 2013, Dayton's Bluff Community Council's Executive Director Deanna Foster married her long-time partner Connie Abbott. This spring the Minnesota State Legislature passed a law making civil marriage available to all people choosing to marry. When the Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act this summer it meant their marriage would also be recognized federally, not just locally – even more to celebrate! Deanna and Connie had waited 32 years for this day and were eager to marry as

soon after August 1 as possible. Where do you go and who do you call on when you need to plan a momentous celebration in just a few weeks? You go to Dayton's Bluff and call on its talented professionals, of course!

The celebration of love took place on a mild summer evening under rainbow colored ribbons and twinkle lights in the courtyard of First Lutheran church. The delicious scent of grilling meat and veggies wafted over the friends and family enjoying the touching ceremony. Dayton's Bluff's young, up-and-coming DJ Soulsnatcha (a.k.a. Jordan Herman) set a festive tone for the celebration with party and dance music. Folks couldn't

wait to sink their teeth into the amazing food provided by Dayton's Bluff's own Heavenly Day Cafe and Catering. The friendly staff from Heavenly Day kept the evening running smoothly and kept the crowd well satisfied with a steady supply of delicious chicken and veggie skewers, fresh fruit, brownies, and cheesecake. And to capture every moment of the celebration, the very talented T. Thomas Photography from Dayton's Bluff was on hand. At the end of the night, when the ribbons came down, the music faded away, and the twinkle lights clicked off, it was heartily agreed that Dayton's Bluff really knows how to celebrate. In fact, as folks drifted away, one

guest was overheard making plans to buy a house, move in, and become part of our amazing community!

For your upcoming event or party, be sure to check out these fine professionals from Dayton's Bluff:

Heavenly Day Cafe and Catering: on Facebook, or call 218-656-0087

Soulsnatcha Productions (Music Production and DJ Services): djsoulsnatcha@gmail.com

T. Thomas Photography: www.thomasphotography.com or email info@thomasphotography.com.



Photo by T. Thomas Photography

**Dayton's Bluff Community Council Executive Director Deanna Foster wed Connie Abbott, her partner of 32 years, in a ceremony in Dayton's Bluff on August 10.**

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## Letter to the editor –

### Build Mississippi Market, not rental housing

I am a resident on Bates Avenue, literally sandwiched in between both upcoming projects (“Tension high between Metro State, community,” August 2013). Although I am excited that both projects are coming to fruition, I'm also somewhat perplexed on the choices that have been made. First of all, the Metro State Parking Ramp. I've known about the plan to build this for about nine years, so it is hardly a surprise that it is coming. I've seen the designs of the proposed layout, and it looks like a very nice parking structure and I can fully appreciate the design elements that went into it. I understand that an underground parking struc-

ture's cost would be astronomical, due to the bedrock foundation. What irks me about the situation is that there was an opportunity at one time to put the student center facing the residential neighborhood (Bates Avenue) and have the parking structure facing Maria Avenue, where there aren't any homes. I would much rather look at a student center, with students out and about, than an austere parking ramp wall any day. I don't understand why the buildings weren't flip-flopped. By building a large utilitarian structure on the edge of the campus that overlooks neighborhood residents' homes, I think MSU has really missed

an opportunity to fully integrate with the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.

It seems strange calling the Hospital Linen Site that name anymore because the structure has been gone so long. I am so happy that finally something is being built, but I think that it's a no-brainer that residents want Mississippi Market to be built instead of the Dominion senior rentals. Given the two choices, one represents our future and one represents the past. The Mississippi Market people seem to be forward thinkers, in regards to building markets in transitional neighborhoods such as Selby-Dale and West 7<sup>th</sup> Street. I think they

can recognize the changes and improvements of the neighborhood and hence want to invest in Dayton's Bluff. The Dominion senior housing project represents the past of where the neighborhood's already been. The word “rental” strikes fear in the hearts of most East-siders, and for good reason. Do we really want a huge rental building in the neighborhood? Aren't we trying to move away from rentals? I hope the decision-making powers-that-be look to the future and choose Mississippi Market for the Hospital Linen Site.

Molly Miller  
Dayton's Bluff resident

## Letter to the editor –

### Bluff ex-pat applauds Holben contributions

I receive the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* from a friend who lives in St. Paul, and I thoroughly enjoy reading this publication. I have always enjoyed Steve Trimble's writings and did so when I was a St. Paul resident.

Sage Holben is also an excellent writer. She writes from her heart as well as her mind, and I always look forward to reading her “View from my porch” column. The June 2013 column (reflecting on life without an automobile) gave me

enjoyment as well as thoughtful pause. Her anecdotal and reflective statements about vehicle ownership and the privileges and responsibilities accompanying that ownership are real, very real. I applaud her for all the community work she performs while helping those who need the most assistance not readily available to them, the kind that can only be given by a committed volunteer.

Sage's August 2013 column (“Metro State labyrinth offers peace, reflection”)

on the labyrinth established to honor David Barton – “Library Dean,” as she calls him – made me want to walk it. Part of the reason is because I am a library person in every sense of the term, having spent many hours in the Adams, Monroe and St. Paul downtown libraries. Using the labyrinth to honor a person who treated all patrons as Barton did is most fitting. Best wishes.

Kathleen Hale  
Fergus Falls, MN

## Boeing 727 lands at Holman

Photos taken from Indian Mounds Park by Greg Cosimini



A Boeing 727 completed its final flight and was decommissioned when it landed at St. Paul Downtown Airport (Holman Field) on July 30. Federal Express donated the jet to Minnesota Women in Aviation. It will be converted into a teaching lab for students at Farnsworth Aerospace Magnet and other schools. As part of the decommissioning ceremony (above, left) the jet was doused with water by engines 6 and 15 from Station 6 on Concord. A brief ceremony followed (above, right) that included music by the Farnsworth marching band, speeches, and tours of the airplane. But the view of the plane and ceremony wasn't as visible from Dayton's Bluff as one might expect – read “Where did the river go?” below.

## Letter to the editor – Where did the river go? Mounds Park view leaves much to be desired

The booklet *Picturesque Dayton's Bluff*, published in 1909 by the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club, features a cover photo of Indian Mounds Park overlooking the Mississippi River. Inside is the statement, “The Indian Mounds, now the magnificent park overlooking the Mississippi River, today is one of the historic scenic features which visitors are directed to see.” Many postcards published during that same period highlight both the natural and man-made wonders that were visible from the park.

Fifty years later my parents would take my brother and me to Mounds Park so we could watch boats, trains and airplanes from the top of the bluffs. I can still clearly remember one night when we watched “heat” lightning in the distance far to the south. As we got older we'd bike up there with our friends to see what was happening on and near the river.

Now fast-forward another 50 years or so. Last month I went to Mounds Park to find a place to view the landing of a FedEx Boeing 727 at Holman Field. I hiked

from one end to the other, but the only place from which the downtown St. Paul airport was visible was a small clearing near the Airway Beacon. Several other people found the same spot. While we were waiting for the jet to land, a group of teenagers and adults stopped by. The teens were clearing out invasive plants and the adults used this location to show them what lay below and quizzed them about what they could see.

I don't know if this one small clearing is a random result of nature or if it was purposely made by humans. What I do know is that without it, there basically would be no view of the airport and river below during the summer months. While there are several “overlooks,” they overlook nothing but trees and brush. A number of

park benches face the river but they might as well be turned around, because there is nothing to see when sitting on them.

Has the upper portion of the bluffs in Mounds Park become overgrown due to neglect by the city, a lack of funding for such work, or is this another case of a “back to nature” project gone wild? It's not as if I don't like trees, bushes and native plants, but I can see them anywhere.

Indian Mounds Park is one of the few places that offers a fantastic view of the Mississippi River and the many activities in and around it. I'm not saying the upper bluffs should be clear cut, but wouldn't it be nice to open up a few more locations for those of us who enjoy seeing what is beyond the trees? I want our river back. Does anyone else?

Greg Cosimini  
Dayton's Bluff resident

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## More electronic history of Dayton's Bluff

by Steve Trimble  
Forum historian

In case you missed the two earlier "electronic" articles, let me explain. These are two of the several East Side articles I have written for a mobile app (application) for Historic Saint Paul. You can already see some of them online. These are new, and because you live in the neighborhood I decided to let readers have a sneak peek of the material. Just don't ask me how you create an app—I just write the information and someone else takes care of the technical matters.

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Arches

It is Bridge 90386 according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, but architectural historians speak in almost reverent tones when they speak of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Arches. They consider them one of the most important feats of engineering in Minnesota history. Judge for yourself.

As the population of Dayton's Bluff began to grow, the residents wanted to have a better and safer way to get across the railroad tracks and the Phalen Creek wetland. As early as the 1850s, they started demanding the construction of a bridge. Finally, in 1873, an elaborate wooden bridge appeared on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It was not all that well-built and soon became rickety. Once the heavy street-



7th Street Arches

cars made their appearance in the city, it became clear that a stronger bridge was needed. The street also needed to be rebuilt because its steepness made it almost impossible for the streetcars to make it up the grade from downtown.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Arches, with their unique spiral construction, were chosen to solve the special engineering challenge. The street crossed the St. Paul and Duluth tracks at a troublesome 63-degree angle. The bridge also had to carry sewer and water pipes in addition to pedestrians and vehicles. Work began in September 1883, and the bridge opened for traffic on December 18, 1884.

According to the State Historic Preservation Office, "the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Arches are historically significant for its rarity and the technically demanding nature of [their] skewed, helicoidal, stone-arch design." The bridge is one of the few of its style in the United States, and is the only known one of its type in Minnesota. The abutments and wing walls were built with gray limestone quarried in St. Paul, while the main structure was built with a buff-colored Kasota limestone quarried from the Minnesota River Valley.

William Truesdell, an experienced local engineer who had been involved with many different kinds of construction, was the designer. Raised on a farm in Wisconsin, he studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin and graduated in 1867. After working as a school teacher and a surveyor, he joined the engineering staff of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway in 1880 and was hired by the City of St. Paul Engineer's Office to supervise the entire project.

One newspaper article said he was imbued with "the desire to go the beginning of things" and studied mathematics as a hobby. He was not one to flaunt his technical skills. When he discussed his work on the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Arches in a national engineering journal in 1886, he just remarked that "very few have ever been built in this country." But his fellow engineers recognized his achievements, and upon his death in 1909 characterized the bridge as "the most important piece of ma-

sonry in the city."

The 7<sup>th</sup> Street Improvement Arches represent the only documented example of Truesdell's design work. Although the Minnesota Department of Transportation merely calls it Bridge 90386, it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1989. It was also placed on the American Society of Civil Engineers' Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in 2000. Today the arches of the bridge shelter a bike path and a section of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail that leads into historic Swede Hollow. To view the arches, you need to follow the paved path down from the small parking area south of the intersection of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Payne Avenue.

### The Stutzman Success Story

The W. P. Stutzman Block, a Victorian business structure that stands at 721-733 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, was designed by August Gauger and constructed in stages from 1885 to 1889. Two of the original sections have been destroyed. For many years it was a vibrant commercial corner, and a Stutzman family member lived in a second story apartment through the 1930s. In the early 1990s, this building was a victim of urban decay and had become a problem for local neighbors, receiving many visits from the police. The area was heavily paved, littered with trash and blighted by a large billboard on the western end of the block.

The Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Association (USHNA) purchased the building in 1994. The goal is to return this highly visible Victorian building to a community asset. Years of grassroots efforts and fundraising from private foundations led to the restoration of the building, which is now home to nonprofit organizations, affordable rental apartments and a busy café with an attractive outdoor patio. USHNA also arranged for runoff water to flow into a new rain garden, rather than the storm sewer.

In September 1994, the west end of the property was named August Gauger Park, to honor the architect who lived in the neighborhood and designed the nearby Schornstein Grocery and Saloon and many area homes. The community garden project, with its terraced flowerbeds and a stone pathway, was started in 1993 with help from a class at Metropolitan State University, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Association, and many community people.



The Stutzman Building

Gauger Park contains two items of women's history. The first is a stone marker found at the base of the large cottonwood tree. It was placed there in memory of Bonnie Luke (1948-1994), a member of the nursing faculty and academic advisor at Metropolitan State University from 1988 to the year of her death. Along with other students, staff and community volunteers, she worked to develop the surrounding park. Bonnie's family and friends brought flowers from her former yard and planted them near her memorial.

The second is the Maria Bates Rain Garden, named for Maria Bates Dayton who, with her husband Lyman, built a house in the area in 1854. The neighborhood was named after them. When Maria died, her son gave a small triangle park to the city in her memory in the early twentieth century. The city recently vacated a section of Bates Avenue north of East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and the land was added to the park, connecting it directly to what would later become dedicated as Gauger Park.

## View from my porch

### Litter, cussing, and public urination

#### Minor, constant "quality-of-life" offenses more upsetting than reported crimes

by Sage Holben  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Connections – it's intriguing how they come about and how we perceive them. Over the last few weeks I have attended meetings where developers and community residents have discussed disruptive activities at rental properties. Police calls, domestics and drug traffic are always cited as primary concerns. I couldn't argue with that, but something seemed off to me.

On the way to and from work I pick up litter. It doesn't matter whether it's Bates or Maria, the litter is abundant; especially so on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between the two avenues, and some days I feel very angry and disgusted by the time I arrive at work. One day, when I was talking with a group of young women, one finished her mega soda and tossed the empty cup over her shoulder onto the boulevard. A few minutes later, as I walked through a group of five young men on the sidewalk, I noticed a sixth, bracing his body with one arm against the tree – urinating. This was still daylight, early evening. That was my epiphany... public urination.

I have seen a murder in front of my home, been hit in the face with a broom, beaten by three adults, have become better able to distinguish gunshots from fireworks, and have observed physical fights in front of my home. Call me callous, cold, or in denial, but I have determined that my physical and emotional body can deal with these larger physical events better than it does with the daily litter and thoughtlessness behind it;

adults and children muttering m----- f---er in almost every sentence, whether on the sidewalk or in Rainbow and regardless of who is present: stranger, friend, child, elder; public urination by males of all ages and fully aware of an audience (I am SO sick of seeing males urinating in public! It is NOT my norm!); two and three cars in a row speeding through our four-way stop; not even rolling through; and seeing children being abused, but not to the extent that child protection would be legally mandated to participate.

These occurrences don't rise to the level of a policing priority or police matter even if called in. Perpetrators, because of transiency or because they do not live in the neighborhood in which they are violating my peace, remain nameless and unidentifiable. Yet for me, these are the activities that wear me down more than the major events. The major ones have a high response priority, definite consequences and diligent search for evidence. The smaller, quality-of-life crimes are often met with a response of "don't risk confronting," "low-priority," and "talk with the landlord." These affronts are daily and often one upon the other. If we close ourselves off and go from home to car to work, we won't notice this behavior... is that my choice?

How do all people become more proactive in identifying and applying social, cultural and group norms, sanctions, informal social controls, self-regulation, chronic stressors, personal pressures and relationships within a small urban neighborhood? What is the thread that illustrates a common value?

#### Ever think, "Someone should do something...?"

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