

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## Bright future for most empty storefronts on East 7th Street

Carla Riehle  
 Forum Staff

On East 7th Street, just west of Arcade, three large buildings currently sit vacant. Their empty storefronts look bleak, but these eyesores are looking at a happier future.

At 801 East 7th, the former NAPA auto parts store has been vacant for several years under the ownership of Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES), which is right next door at 797 East 7th. CLUES is shelling out about \$10,000 per year in taxes on the empty building although it was approved to receive \$500,000 in 2015 neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) assistance for a 20,000 foot expansion, money that would be added to \$1,745,000 that was to be obtained from other sources.

Reportedly, CLUES is still seeking additional funding for the site, but the organization has not responded to several inquiries from the *Forum* requesting an update. Meanwhile there is no indication on the building with the oddly pink plate glass windows that CLUES owns the building and hopes to make it into a useful space.

Next door, the former Animal Ark Pet and Thrift Store, a hulking 13,000 square feet of space, has been empty only for a couple of months, but its large storefront windows, now embellished by a smattering of graffiti, proclaim its lack of a tenant. However, Jim Erchul of Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services reports that his organization, along with the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), has a purchase agreement expiring at the end of July to acquire the building. NDC has applied for a \$350,000 STAR grant to help fund \$2,000,000 in renovations that would yield seven new retail or office spaces for start-up and existing businesses. The application is scheduled to be acted



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Clockwise from upper left, buildings formerly occupied by NAPA auto parts store, Animal Ark, Moonshine Saloon, and Dayton's Bluff Community Council.

on by the mayor and city council this month.

Across the street, at 798 East 7th, the building that formerly housed the Dayton's Bluff Community Council will soon be home to the much-loved Mañana Pusería, just down the street. The Diaz family owners picked up the keys to the building in early June and hope to have the new location up and running while the weather is still warm enough for its customers to take advantage of planned outdoor seating space. Mañana is also seeking occupants for the apartments above the new restaurant's location.

More forlorn is the historic Moonshine saloon, about a mile to the east at 1179 East 7th. Eastside Industries, a business registered to Matthew Burns, a former employee of the now-closed St. Paul Saloon, hoped to renovate the spot which for several years bore the unfortunate name of "The Noose." The developers got the go-ahead to use 2015 STAR money to rehabilitate the building as the New Red Mill Restaurant and Bar,

but were unable to come up with other necessary funding, so the building is again up for sale. Built in 1889, and known as the Red Mill in the 1950s, it's one of Dayton's Bluff's vintage gems-in-the-rough.

Right across the street from the Moonshine, however, a brand new 45,000 square foot building is being constructed that will be the headquarters of McQueen Equipment, Inc., a sales and service facility for large equipment, such as snow plows, sewer vacuum trucks, and street sweepers. With 30 employees at its current Midway location, the company intends to hire at least 10 new workers at the new location. According to the Port Authority's Monte Hillman, who oversaw the space acquisition in Beacon Bluff, the Port will assist McQueen in recruiting potential employees from the surrounding neighborhood with the assistance of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council.

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Many gathered for a community powwow at Indian Mounds Park on June 15, sponsored by Mounds Park United Methodist Church in partnership with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the Ain Dah Yung Center in St. Paul, American Indian Magnet School, the American Indian Education Program, and the American Indian Family Center.

## Mark your calendars for the second annual 7th Street LIVE Festival!

Nicole Pressley  
 Dayton's Bluff Community Council

7th Street LIVE is an event that uses cultural art and music to create intentional spaces for community building; supporting local artists and local businesses, engaging community, and connecting people to resources. At 7th Street LIVE, attendees can sample foods from around the world from local restaurants, find valuable resources to help them start their business, sign their kids up for sports programs, and take pride in their diverse and thriving neighborhood. This event is a

demonstration of the richness of the East Side community and anchors our residents, businesses, and organizations as social economy for the advancement of all.

This year, we have an action-packed program featuring a Battle of the DJs, Battle of the Bands, and dance performances. With live music, poetry, and kids activities, there is entertainment for all ages. Join us for the biggest party in the street on the East Side. Lineup to be announced soon!

Are you an artist, business owner, community group? Join us as a vendor at 7th Street LIVE 2016! Contact Nicole Pressley at [Nicole@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:Nicole@daytonsbuff.org) or 651.772.2075.

For the latest updates and announcements, visit [weqy.org](http://weqy.org) or [Facebook.com/104.7WEQY](https://www.facebook.com/104.7WEQY).

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## Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

The Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike tours are canceled until further notice. The hike leaders have a family conflict at this time. Watch for more information in future issues of the Dayton's Bluff District Forum.

## Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m.** Email [karin@swedehollow.org](mailto:karin@swedehollow.org) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

## Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking help with writing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on **Friday, July 1, at 2:00 p.m.**, at the Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org) for more information.

## SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos. Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio. ¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

Need more healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won't affect their immigration status. Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for you and your family.

## Free Summer Meals in Dayton's Bluff

The St. Paul Public School system is serving free meals for all kids ages 18 and under, Monday through Friday, throughout most of the summer.

In July, breakfast and lunch will be served in Dayton's Bluff at Harding High School, Dayton's Bluff Elementary, American Indian Magnet, Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, and Dayton's Bluff Public Library. There will also be a mobile food truck stopping at Margaret Park, 1109 Margaret St., from **2:05 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.**, and Indian Mounds Park, 10 Mounds Blvd., from **2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

Visit [www.summerlunchmap.2harvest.org](http://www.summerlunchmap.2harvest.org), or call or text 612-516-3663 for exact times and more information as well as other locations.

Para información sobre las comidas

de verano para niños, visite el sitio de internet [www.summerlunchmap.2harvest.org](http://www.summerlunchmap.2harvest.org), llame al 612-516-3663 o envíe un mensaje de texto con la dirección de su hogar al 612-516-3663.

## July at the East Side Freedom Library

**Thursday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m.**, *Grace Carlson and the Work of Class and Gender: An Early Exploration*. Donna Haverty-Stacke, Professor of History at Hunter College – NYC, will discuss her research into the activist life of Grace Carlson, an important contributor to local labor and peace movements of the 1930s - 1950s.

**Friday, July 8**, the ESFL and A Greener Read invite you to explore storytelling through vinyl and film.

The evening starts at **4:30 p.m.** with a *Vinyl and Happy Hour*, hosted at A Greener Read (506 East Kenny Road) followed by a **6:30 p.m.** screening of two films, *The Cry of Jazz*, and *Space is the Place*, about iconic musician, Sun Ra, and his impact on the development of jazz in the 1950s and 1960s.

**Sunday, July 10**, *Tell Your Story in Book Form: Zine and Bookmaking Workshop*, from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, at the ESFL. ESFL resident artist, Aaron Johnson-Ortiz will help you tell your story in book form. Zines and books created will become part of the "Floating Library" to be exhibited on Lake Phalen. Paddle out and read! Visit [thefloatinglibrary.org](http://thefloatinglibrary.org) for exhibit dates and information.

**Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.**, to mark the 150th anniversary of the 14th amendment to the US Constitution, University of St. Thomas History Professor, David Williard, will present *So Imperfect a Proposition: The Fourteenth Amendment and the Structure of American Citizenship*.

**Wednesday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m.**, Kao Kalia Yang, author of the award-winning *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir*, will read from and discuss her new book, *The Song Poet*. Through this celebration of her father, Kao Kalia explores the experiences of Hmong people in Laos, the refugee camps of Thailand, and the housing projects of Saint Paul.

**Friday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m.**, *Between the Spaces: Rondo*, a theatrical, historical exploration of the Saint Paul neighborhood known as Rondo unpacks real and imagined recollections and experiences of former Rondo residents facing urban renewal in the 1950s and 1960s.

**Thursday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m.**, Coffee House Press presents *In the Stacks*, a reading by author Victoria Blanco.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1150 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email [info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](mailto:info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org), or visit [eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org) for details on these and other upcoming events.

## Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into under-resourced neighborhoods. It stops at Parkway Gardens, 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

## East Side Open Market

The Eastside Open Market is a live music, food, art, and farmers market located at 463 Maria Avenue. Open **Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Call 651-815-8523 for more information or Eastside Open Market on Facebook.

## Let's stay connected!

Find out what's happening in your community and at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. DBCC sends out a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed about current programs and issues that impact our community. It's easy to sign up – just text BLUFF to 22828 to sign up and start getting updates delivered directly to your inbox today!



## Family Food Box Distribution

Family Food Box distribution takes place **every third Thursday of the month from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center.**

Call 651-793-3885 for more information and to register. The Dayton's Bluff Rec Center is located at 800 Conway Street, Saint Paul.

## July at the Mounds Theatre

**Thursday, June 30:** *Outhouse Archeology and St. Paul Bottles*. Mark Youngblood will be giving a presentation on outhouse archeology and items found on digs. Sponsored by Old St. Paul. Free Admission! **Doors open at 6:00 p.m., program starts at 6:45 p.m.**

**Friday & Saturday, July 8 & 9:** *Al-Stravaganza – The Biggest Ball of Burly Twine!* The first and only Weird AI burlesque show comes to the Twin Cities! A collection of acts featuring burlesque and variety performances, movie screenings, trivia, and MORE. Hosted by Blanche DeBris (Las Vegas).

**Saturday, July 16:** *Independent Wrestling International (IWI)*. Tickets include a new "family four pack" option – 2 adults and 2 kids for \$30. **Bell is at 7:30 p.m. Be there at 6:45 p.m. when the doors open** to get the best seats!

**Wednesday, July 20:** *Sir Noface*. The premier of Award-Winning *American Ghost Hunter* director Chad Calek's paranormal documentary, which chronicles the West Sydney Paranormal Research Team's investigation of Sydney Harbour's former convict prison, now known as "Cockatoo Island." The investigation resulted in the filming of a series of paranormal events (including a full body apparition filmed directly in front of the camera).

Visit [moundstheatre.org](http://moundstheatre.org) for tickets and more information and other events not listed here, and to purchase tickets as they become available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; [historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com).

## July at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Join the Dayton's Bluff Library for the following events taking place in July: *Summer Movies @ the Library* sponsored by the Metro State and Dayton's Bluff Libraries will take place from **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays**, and **1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Fridays**. Films will be shown in the Library Student Lounge on the first floor. The screenings are FREE and open to the public!

*Metro Movie Mondays* (films suitable for ages 13 and up): July 11, *Across the Universe*; July 18, *Dead Poets' Society*; July 25, *Smoke Signals*; August 1, *Fried Green Tomatoes*; August 8, *The Help*; August 15, *Rent*.

Summer Movie Fridays (films suitable for all ages): July 8, *Monsters Inc.*; July 15, *Goosebumps*; July 22, *The Good Dinosaur*; July 29, *Brave*; August 5, *Meet the Robinsons*; August 12, *Gnomeo & Juliet*; August 19, *Big Hero 6*. For information about these and other events check [sppl.org](http://sppl.org) or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Police will host their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The next meetings are on **Wednesday, July 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are intended as a time to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

## East Side Enterprise Center

The East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC) along with its partners, is offering technical assistance for new start up business owners or business owners wanting to expand their businesses.

If your business is located on the East Side of St. Paul and you are in Wards 1, 2, 4, and 5, you are eligible to participate. ESEC is seeking motivated, low-income business owners, and people of color. ESEC will provide a business consultant/mentor to maximize your potential and training to help you gain the knowledge and expertise needed to succeed in your field. Contact Brenda Reid, Dayton's Bluff Community Council, at 651 621-2760.

## Mounds Park United Methodist Church

A community-based, multicultural congregation striving to build on the positive assets of Dayton's Bluff. Located at 1049 Euclid Street; 651-774-8736 or Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook.

**Sunday, July 24**, Free community breakfast and worship, **9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**, a summertime worship service will follow. All are invited!

**Wednesday, July 27, at noon**, Community friendship gathering with hot lunch, followed by a program by the vocal group, "The Harmony 3." All are invited to come; the focus of this event is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

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## Summer fun at Margaret Park

Located at 1109 Margaret Street, St. Paul.

**Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Roaming Rec at Margaret Park.** Free games, arts and crafts, and snacks! **Mondays, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., June 12 through August 1.** For more information call (651) 292-6508.

**Free summer youth soccer at Margaret Park.** Every Monday starting **June 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Ages 10-18 welcome. For more information and to register, call Greg Demaray at (651) 353-1091.

**SPPS Mobile Food Truck – free lunch.** Weekly, **Monday through Friday, from 2:05 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.**

**Margaret Street Bikeway family bike rides.** Join others for a casual ride along the Margaret Street Bikeway beginning at the corner of Margaret and Forest Streets on **Saturday, July 9, at 9:00 a.m., and Saturday, August 13, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Positivity Rallies.** Share some happy vibes with your neighbors at the corner of Marget and Earl Streets on **Saturday, July 23, at 1:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m.** See article below, *Your vibe attracts your tribe*, for more information.

## Your vibe attracts your tribe

*Marchel Lea  
Special to the Forum*

The East Side community needs as much positive vibe put into our community tribe as we can all muster – am I right? During the weather-friendly months East Side neighbors will host a simple act we call a Positivity Rally. Simple because you just have to show up with a positive attitude and because we only rally for half an hour – 30 minutes of condensed goodness. We meet on the west end (at Earl Street) of Margaret Park. Positive signs are provided or you can even bring your own! Like us on Facebook by searching “Positivity is Awesome.”



Marchel Lea

Signs created by East Side neighbors to spread some positivity at the upcoming Positivity Rallies planned for July and August at Margaret Park.

Mark your calendars and come check it out for yourself on **Saturday, July 23, at 1:00 p.m., and on Sunday, August 20, at 1:00 p.m.**

## Edible Streetscape is on the Grow!

*Miah Ulysse – Urban Oasis*

Urban Oasis' Edible Streetscape project has taken root and will be hosting a variety of engaging, immersive events this summer! Visit [www.urbanooasismn.org/ediblestreetscape](http://www.urbanooasismn.org/ediblestreetscape) for more information on the project and events. Edible Streetscape is made possible through collaboration with our partners Urban Roots, Dayton's Bluff Community Council, City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation & Public Works Departments, and funding provided by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

**Edible Streetscape Walking Tour - Wednesday, July 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This FREE guided tour along East 7th Street features 10 large

planters representing many of the delicious and nourishing food cultures on the East Side. Taste some fresh mint and enjoy the pleasant aromas of lemongrass as you learn more about the similarities and differences that define and bring together the cultures in our neighborhood. Tour starts and ends at the East Side Enterprise Center, 804 Margaret Street.

**Edible Streetscape Community Meal: Celebrating East Side Food Traditions - Saturday, August 6, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This event is FREE, but registration is required.

Sign up to be at the table for an outdoor Community Meal on Margaret Street in front of the East Side Enterprise Center. Celebrate the peak of harvest season with good conversation and a full meal with friends and neighbors. The meal will feature food traditions and plants found in the Edible Streetscape planters. Visit [urbanooasismn.org/ediblestreetscape](http://urbanooasismn.org/ediblestreetscape) to register.

## ¡AYUDA, NECESITO CUSTODIA DE UN HIJO AHORA!

*Marisela E. Cantú, abogada  
Especial para el Forum*



Marisela E. Cantú, abogada.

En Minnesota los tribunales de familia permiten que una persona a solicitar una audiencia de emergencia custodia “ex parte”, lo que significa que la corte puede tomar una decisión basada en la evidencia de una persona que

existe una situación de emergencia para transferir custodia tan pronto como sea posible. En este tipo de movimientos no tienes que notificar a la otra persona con la custodia que está solicitando una transferencia de custodia de emergencia. Sin embargo, puede proporcionar aviso si quieres.

No explican las reglas que le permiten presentar para custodia en una situación de emergencia es lo que una situación de emergencia. Por lo tanto lo mejor es consultar con un abogado primero determinar si su situación es una emergencia. Situaciones en las que he visto órdenes de custodia temporal de emergencia son otorgados cuando la custodia inicia llevando un estilo de vida poco saludable de las drogas y expone al niño a condiciones inseguras.

Si usted va a solicitar la custodia de emergencia, usted debe esperar para también presentar una moción para determinar o modificar la custodia permanente.

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## HELP! I NEED CUSTODY OF A CHILD, NOW!

*Marisela E. Cantú, Attorney at Law  
Special to the Forum*

In Minnesota the family law courts allow for a person to file for an emergency “ex parte” custody hearing, meaning that the court can make a decision based on one person’s evidence that an emergency situation exists to transfer custody as soon as possible. In these types of motions you do not have to provide notice to the other person with custody that you are asking for an emergency transfer of custody. However, you can provide notice if you want to.

The Rules that allow you to file for custody in an emergency situation do not explain what an emergency is. Therefore it is best to consult with an attorney to first determine if your situation is an emergency. Situations in which I have seen temporary emergency custody orders granted are when the custodial parent starts leading an unhealthy lifestyle of drugs and exposes the child to unsafe conditions.

If you are going to request custody on an emergency basis, you should expect to also file a motion to determine or modify permanent custody.

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## First Lutheran Church home to a wealth of community programs

*Food@First giveaway continues in July*

Carla Riehle  
Forum Staff

The Food@First program, now in its fifth summer at First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria Avenue, will continue its food giveaway for two more Thursdays in July, on the 7th and 14th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who needs food is welcome to partake. Items come from Second Harvest, local farmers and other donations. The Nursing Department at Metro State will also have eight to ten nurses on hand to help with food and blood pressure checks. Volunteers may stop by at 10:00 a.m. to set up and help with food distribution. Seniors can also sign up for a new program through Second Harvest called NAPS (Nutrition Assistance Program for Seniors) which provides 30 pounds of food each month to participants.

The Elder Cafe, which offers free lunches for seniors is closed in July, but will re-open in August, on the second Thursday of each month from noon to 2:00 p.m. In addition, the Love Grows Here Wellness Center will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday nights beginning in September. The program will include a meal, and practitioners and nurses from Spring Forest Qigong and Metro State University

will offer free foot care, blood pressure checks, health assessments, mental health counseling, healing touch, massage, and Qigong, as well as community folk school projects, and pediatric nursing care for children.



Carla Riehle

Left to right, Metro State nursing students Leena Yang, Christine Kramer, and Jung Lee at Food@First.

Pastor Chris Berthelsen reports that all of the classrooms in First Lutheran's former school building are now rented out as offices or creative spaces to many community organizations, including:

- East Side Elders (formerly Dayton's Bluff Seniors), which operates a block nurse program in the Dayton's Bluff and Payne-Phalen neighborhoods;

- Urban Roots, the youth leadership and healthy communities program;
- Young Artists Initiative, providing arts programming for young people on the East Side;
- Santo Niño Episcopal parish, conducting services in Spanish;
- MICAH, the Metropolitan Interfaith Coalition on Affordable Housing;
- TC Tubes, a business venture that supplies working vacuum tubes nationwide for vintage radios.

East Side Open Market is also open for the summer, outside on the patio on **Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, and the building's kitchen is put to good use by Caramel Knowledge candy and confectionery, Fire on the Bluff wood-fired pizza, and Heavenly Day Cafe catering service. An outside wood-fired pizza and bread oven is soon to be completed that is aimed at creating a community pizza gathering place. Look for a grand opening to be held sometime in mid-July.

The church has also operated Bay Lake Camp on an island in northern Minnesota for many years where, it has "welcome[d] non-profit and for-profit organizations, churches, and family events like weddings and family reunions . . . over the course of 90 years."

Even more projects are on the to-do list, with a support group for LGBTQ young people and a folk school slated for the fall.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these activities is encouraged to contact Pastor Chris Berthelsen at 651-247-8926 or pastor.chris@mac.com.

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## City of Saint Paul passes resolution honoring work of Mounds Park United Methodist Church

*Mounds Park United Methodist Church*

On Wednesday, June 15, the Saint Paul City Council designated the week of June 12-18 "Urban CROSS Week" in the City of Saint Paul, and Mayor Chris Coleman issued the city proclamation at a community powwow that evening.

Urban CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul) is a grassroots, locally grown mission project of Mounds Park United Methodist Church that aims to meet the needs of its neighbors living on the East Side. Urban CROSS 2016 took place from June 12 through 18.

"We are both proud and humbled by the actions of Mayor Coleman and the Saint Paul City Council," said Mounds Park UMC Rev. Dennis Alexander. "As neighbors living together on the East Side, we seek to assist those in need and celebrate together the various cultures that make up the beautiful urban mosaic we call home."

Every year, youth and adults from around Minnesota participate in Urban CROSS, now in its seventh year, by helping to fix, rebuild, maintain, paint, and landscape properties in need while getting to know the people they are serving. Every evening, participants worship together — and on Wednesday, the church hosts a community-wide picnic.

"The City of Saint Paul supports and celebrates the work of faith communities like Mounds Park United Methodist

Church and their activities such as Urban CROSS that enhance neighborhoods by reaching out to help neighbors in need, increase the livability of our neighborhoods, and strengthen the fabric of our community in Saint Paul," says the city's Urban CROSS Week resolution.

This year, Urban CROSS campers worked on 32 projects. On Wednesday, June 15, both campers and area residents had an opportunity to learn about Native American culture and some of the sacred Native American sites of Mounds Park at a community powwow at Indian Mounds Regional Park. Urban CROSS leaders partnered with Native American leaders in the community to plan the event, which included a free community meal, dancing, and crafts. The event's sponsors included the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community; the Ain Dah Yung Center in St. Paul, which provides a healing place for American Indian youth and families; American Indian Magnet School in St. Paul; the American Indian Education Program in St. Paul; and the American Indian Family Center in St. Paul. Donations of toiletry items (such as shaving kits, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, and household cleaning supplies) for the Ain Dah Yung Center were collected at the powwow.

Mounds Park UMC was founded in 1857 and has served the Dayton's Bluff community of Saint Paul in various ways since 1919. Within the past seven years, hundreds of youth and adults have participated in Urban CROSS and completed hundreds of projects within the community.

Rev. Dennis Alexander can be reached for comment at urbanmaple@earthlink.net.

## Announcing new name for Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living at Home Network

Janet Golden  
Director, East Side Elders



Dayton's Bluff Seniors' Board of Directors announced today that its program has changed its name to East Side Elders, effective immediately. Serving both the Dayton's Bluff and Payne-Phalen communities, East Side Elders will continue to offer a wide range of services for seniors who wish to remain independent and in their homes.

"The new name better identifies our service area and our pride in serving the East Side," states Les Malmquist, Board Chair. "We are

open for business as usual and looking forward to helping our clients live where they want to, for as long as they want to, safely, independently, and with dignity."

East Side Elders' services include rides to doctor appointments, the grocery store, post office, the beauty salon, and other destinations. Light housekeeping, chores such as lawn mowing and snow removal, balancing a checkbook, or simply a social call or visit are all part of the services offered at no cost to the senior community. Each month, the Elder Café offers entertainment and a nutritious lunch to guests, and our Wellness Clinics round out our offerings.

"We're not just working in Dayton's Bluff anymore, and we hope we will hear from seniors in the Payne-Phalen area" says Janet Golden, East Side Elders' Executive Director. "Anyone interested in volunteering in either community are encouraged to call us to find out about our volunteer opportunities."

Seniors can contact East Side Elders at (651) 683-2326 or (651) 683-2413 to find out more about services and programs.

More information can be found online at [www.EastSideElders.org](http://www.EastSideElders.org).

## MOUNDS PARK BARBER STYLISTS



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Karin DuPaul

During the week of June 6, hundreds of people from all over came to participate in the Urban CROSS program at Mounds Park United Methodist Church. Participants work on many projects for East Side residents. Things like painting a house, building a fence, removing weeds in a park, and many more. Urban CROSS began in 2010 and is getting bigger and better each year. Pictured above, Urban Cross volunteers help to remove the weeds from Swede Hollow Park.

## The East Side Soccer Club

Rafael Espinosa – Board Member  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

The idea of the East Side Soccer Club (ESSC) started many years ago, in response to the need in the neighborhood for free access to soccer for immigrant, refugee, and low income kids on the East Side. For a long time, my wife and I were looking for programming in the neighborhood for our kids for any sports, but every time we would find a program we would get an e-mail days before the program was supposed to start letting us know that the program was canceled. Sometimes it was because not enough kids signed up, sometimes because the trainers or coaches quit. We were lucky because we were able to take our kids to the suburbs where the programs were sure to happen, but it was and still is not equitable that if kids don't have funds and transportation, they won't play.

We started our first program at the East Side YMCA, and we kept that program going for more than four years. It was one of the most attended programs there. We made it clear to the "Y" that we would be happy to run the program but that the kids who could not afford a fee would be able to participate. We had a good run for years and every single time the Y got a new director, he or she wanted to cancel the program.

Four directors were able to keep the program going by proving that a lot of the kids who were getting in for free eventually got a membership there, and by reminding new directors of their mission and message – the Y always said that they supported families and kids. We would ask them, if kids don't have funds or are from single-parent-families or living with grandparents (or one grandparent) then they don't deserve support?

This past February, they told us flat-out that kids need to pay, even though we were covering kids with family guest passes. On top of the membership fee, they were required to pay an additional program fee for soccer. The program was shut down and replaced with a fee-based program. A lot of neighborhood kids really miss "Soccer Sundays" at the Y. We will often run into the kids in the community and they will ask us when soccer is coming back there and we can only tell them that we have a new program at the neighborhood rec center.

We started the second program at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center (DBRC) about a year and a half ago on Thursday nights, which was instantly a success. We started getting on-average 70 kids.

But most of the kids didn't have shoes, much less the equipment needed to play the game safely. So, my wife and I started equipment and fund collections for the kids in the neighborhood. We had a very good response from some of our friends and neighbors as well as people from as far away as Texas and California who wanted to help, too. We were able to take a group from the neighborhood to their first tournament in Minneapolis over the winter of 2015, which was an incredible experience.

I was asked to get involved with the Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC) about three and a half years ago. I was told that it was a good way to help the neighborhood. Being already involved in the neighborhood, I thought that this was a really good way to help out the different communities we have here in Dayton's Bluff, but I was wrong.

Three times we approached the Dayton's Bluff Community Council to get help for the soccer program and three times we were shot down. It is a good thing that there are kind neighbors, family, friends, and people from across the country who care about these kids, otherwise it would be hard for the kids in the neighborhood to play the game they love.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council gets a lot of money to help the neighborhood, but in the years I have been a board member, I have never seen any help go to the communities that we are supposed to represent. There is a lot of money and plenty of resources that go to neighborhood businesses, but when we asked the council to help get weekend hours at the rec center (since it is currently one of the only rec centers in the city that is closed on Saturday and Sunday) they directed us to the City Council and wished us luck.

I remember when Metro State was trying to build the student center facing west toward the university, and the Dayton's Bluff Community Council wanted the student center to face north. The Executive Director made an immediate offer to hire a community organizer to make sure the concerns were addressed. Why does the director of the DBCC have money and authority to hire people on the spot but can't spend some money to help the kids in the neighborhood? Last January the DBCC hired an attorney without the approval of board members, but there's no money for the kids in our neighborhood. We are paying more than \$100,000 for a "community" radio station, but we don't have money for the kids in the neighborhood?

We will continue to approach other organizations that we think will do the right thing. We know that there are kind people who are willing to help the kids, but this organization clearly isn't one of them.

## Vacant Home Tour update

Karin DuPaul and Barry Madore  
Special to the Forum

At the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) meeting on June 8, there was discussion of five vacant, city-owned homes – four of them in the Dayton's Bluff Historic District. One home, 987 Wilson Avenue, is outside the district. The home on Wilson was offered in a RFP last fall and the HRA is now considering the proposal. The homes once faced demolition, but Dayton's Bluff residents rallied and got the city to give the homes one more chance.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council, Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED), and community members hosted the Vacant Home Tour on April 17. A number of developers became interested in rehabbing the homes and submitted proposals – the homes may be resold to developers for \$1 each. According to PED, the developers proposals all-together would require roughly \$1 million in public subsidy, or an average of \$202,000 for each home. The city's "Inspiring Communities" home program imposes a subsidy cap of \$150,000 per property.

A number of community members

and the Save Our City Neighborhoods organization spoke in favor of the importance of restoring the homes in the Historic District. Tom Dimond spoke eloquently about equity and broke down the subsidy numbers against what demolition would cost. Carol Carey spoke specifically about the Bates property's unique needs and noted that the large subsidy amount is due to the fact that it was purchased for \$80,000 – a lot to be re-couped – not because the rehab is more expensive or excessive. Barry Madore spoke about the neighbors' view of this, the success of the Vacant Home Tour, and the success that is happening given the City's investment in the 4th Street Preservation Project properties. Karin DuPaul distributed the Vacant Home Tour brochures, which were quite well-received. City Councilmember Jane Prince requested a two week layover to study this matter further, so it will be revisited near the end of June.

In addition to the five houses on 4th Street, Plum, Bates, and Wilson, the city is still reviewing bids for two larger buildings in the area once used as commercial properties. Those, too, may eventually require public subsidy above the "Inspiring Communities" program's \$150,000 cap.

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## Restorative Justice Comes to St. Paul!

Laura Modl  
Restorative Justice Community Action

A summer collaborative of restorative justice organizations will begin working with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office to offer a community-based, restorative justice diversion option for youth ages 11-17, who get in trouble with the law. The idea is that these youth and their families can participate in a process focused on learning, getting sup-

port, and giving back to the community instead of going to court and getting caught up in the juvenile justice system.

In preparation for this project, "community members" are needed in St. Paul to participate in restorative justice meetings with youth. Community members will sit with the youth and their families, listening to their stories, talking with them about the impact of crime on local neighborhoods, and constructing a plan with them to help the youth make amends and move forward in a positive way. If you are interested in becoming a community member or learning more, contact Laura Modl at [lmodl@rj-ca-inc.org](mailto:lmodl@rj-ca-inc.org) or 612-746-0780.



American Indian Magnet School  
American Indian Magnet School's annual traditional powwow, June 3.

## Save the date: Fall Convocation

Stephanie New-Johnson  
Metropolitan State University

The annual convocation by the president will be held on **Tuesday, August 16, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Founders Hall Auditorium, Metropolitan State University Saint Paul Campus. Following the convocation is a faculty and staff picnic at noon in the Great Hall. This is the first convocation by the new Metropolitan State president, Ginny Arthur.

The picnic is annually sponsored by the Metropolitan State University Foundation and is to welcome faculty and staff of the university to the new academic year.



## July contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Email [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org) with the location of this neighborhood curiosity for a chance to win some great prizes donated by local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the August Forum.

June's contest winner, John Boyle, received a \$15 gift certificate to Obb's Sports Bar & Grill. Congratulations, John!

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### Another part of Dayton's Bluff is officially historic

Greg Cosimini  
Forum Staff

A set of four World War II posters from St. John's Catholic Church was recently offered to and accepted by the Minnesota Historical Society. They are now part of its permanent Sound and Visual Collection.

It was a common practice during World War II for churches to recognize their members who were in the armed services. This often took the form of plaques or posters. Unfortunately most of these memorials have long since disappeared.

However, when St. John's, which had been in Dayton's Bluff for 127 years, was closed in July 2013 and the sad task of cleaning it out was undertaken, four such posters were found in a church basement storage room in surprisingly good condition.

Each poster is titled "Honor Roll - Serving With United States Armed Forces" and painted on heavy cardboard in shades of blue, gold and white. They are adorned with a gold eagle at the top, a tank, an airplane,



Greg Cosimini

Church of St. John World War II Honor Roll poster, one of four recently accepted into permanent collection of the Minnesota Historical Society.

and a cannon near the bottom, and a large V for victory in the background. A different list of approximately 100 names is included in the center of each poster.

St. John's may be gone but the memory of its brave parishioners lives on at the Minnesota Historical Society.

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### Mobile solar power comes to the East Side

Carla Riehle  
Forum Staff

In June, Swede Hollow's Art in the Hollow featured the Minnesota Re-

newable Energy Society's solar generator trailer, instead of the familiar smelly and noisy gas-powered kind. In addition, the solar-powered St. Paul Almanac Storymobile pulled up to East Side Freedom Library to help celebrate its second anniversary.

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Carla Riehle

Examples of renewable energy spotted at recent Dayton's Bluff neighborhood events.

### Swede Hollow History Day

Steve Trimble  
Forum Historian

I'm a sucker for local history! I agreed to be at a Swede Hollow history table at the Art in the Hollow, Swede Hollow art fair in June. I've done it before, but it occurred to me that I hadn't written about this ethnic community's story for a few years. So, I will share with you a little about the event itself, including some of the presentations I made, some of the people who dropped by, and a few stories that I heard.

I ran into a lot of people since I was at the table from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Some grew up in Swede Hollow, others have always been interested in it, and quite a few folks had lived in St. Paul for years and this was their first visit. I was able to tell people about the area's history and, thanks to Karin DuPaul, had a good selection of maps and photographs to show.

Here's an example of how family history depends a bit upon who remembers what. When I edited a portion of a manuscript written by Mike Sanchelli, I came across a tale about his family getting their own home in Swede Hollow. He wrote that they bought a house for twenty dollars and the only thing in it was a sink that had a bucket underneath it to catch the dishwasher. Then people pitched in and gave them furniture that they could spare to help out their new neighbors.

However, his younger brother Joe, now a 93-year-old former Hollow resident who showed up at my post, had a slightly different take. He thought that the twenty-dollar sale had included several pieces of furniture including beds, tables, and the abode was almost furnished when they moved in.

Ann Millikan joined the conversation. She is a composer who wrote a one act opera called *Swede Hollow* that was recently performed on site. She chatted with two Latino women who were among the last families to live in the Hollow. When the city condemned their houses they had to move and received no money for their homes or for moving expenses. Ann said that they were trying to have another showing of *Swede Hollow* sometime soon.

Millikan said that she based her opera on conversations with area people and as she was talking, up came a woman whose visit may have been the high point of the day. She was researching her Great Aunt's murder that took place in Swede Hollow. Amazingly, I knew about it and have done research on the event. Thanks to her, I added some new information. Here's part of the story: Pietro Narcuso, a man in his twenties had been seeing Josephine Cabuzza, a sixteen year old who lived with her family in Swede Hollow. She allegedly expressed love for him and one source said she agreed to marry him. So he gave her money, a diamond ring, and let her select other jewelry.

However, the next day she said she would not marry him. In a newspaper report Narcuso said, "she went to another man and said she did not care for me," laughing when he demanded the return of the gifts. His efforts to regain her affection had failed and he feared she would marry some other admirer. The jilted lover bought a .32 caliber revolver and waited under a stairway Josephine would pass on her way home from work and gunned her down on February 11, 1914. He then went downtown and surrendered to the police. He explained being driven by the spirit of the Italian Vendetti, which says a wronged man can only be avenged with blood. He was ready to let the law take its course, adding that he was glad he did the crime and felt "happy and at peace." "I'm glad she's dead," Narcuso stated. "Now she can marry no other."

Hundreds crowded in and around St. Ambrose Church during Josephine's funeral. Many Hollow residents considered Josephine's death a "community tragedy" and one called her "the pride of St. Paul's Little Italy." People wept and wailed around the hearse as the girl's remains were taken to Calvary Cemetery. I already knew he was convicted of first degree murder and sent to Stillwater Prison. However, Josephine's family researcher discovered that within a year he was transferred to the Minnesota State Hospital for the Insane in St. Peter. Four years later he was given a pardon and shipped back to Italy. The Cabuzza family left St. Paul and returned to their former residence in Cumberland, Wisconsin. I don't want to end on a sad note. Art in the Hollow was very nice and lots of people had a good time. Many said they were pleasantly surprised at the gem of a park they were seeing for the first time. Those who showed up at the history table were elated as they saw old photos, shared family stories, and learned about one of the most interesting communities in the saga of St. Paul.

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## Michelle Kaye's *Don't Disappear* will be around for a long time to come

Blake Wright  
Marquix Global Network



Photo courtesy of Michelle Kaye

*Editor's note: The following interview with musician and Dayton's Bluff resident, Michelle Kaye, was reprinted courtesy of Marquix Global Network.*

Michelle Kaye is a virtual chameleon when it comes to matters of genre. She's equally at home writing a pop-inspired anthem as she is composing a classical piece. Returning to music after a long hiatus steeped in tragedy and sadness, Kaye summons an undeniable joy and enthusiasm with her smooth, mezzo-soprano vocals. In light of her background, her new single *Don't Disappear*, becomes a dance floor plea to evade the heartache and devastation life may bring. Independent reporter Blake Wright recently caught up with Michelle to talk about her background and her hopes and expectations for the coming days.

BLAKE: When did you first get that feeling that your music career was gaining momentum? MICHELLE: That feeling came when I won 'Best Pop/Dance song' from The Akademia out of Los Angeles, California. I thought, 'Wow, now I can say that I'm an award-winning songwriter.' It's a great feeling to know that someone is recognizing your efforts. Also, when the news came that my song *Don't Disappear* was being aired on five major radio stations around the world, including Rio de Janeiro and Japan, it really hit home, and I knew that I was gaining momentum.

BLAKE: What was the inspiration behind your debut radio single? MICHELLE: *Don't Disappear* is about a time in my life when I actually 'disap-

peared' from life. I had given up on my music career, was distant with friends and family, and didn't really know what I wanted out of life. Then I got diagnosed with type 1A breast cancer and went through the treatment alone. It was a hard time in my life. Well, I eventually got better and re-invented myself and decided to keep the faith that everything was going to be okay. Writing this song was empowering; to be able to express what I was going through helped in the healing process as well. My wish is that other people out there struggling will feel the hope in the song too.

BLAKE: What do you find most rewarding about being an artist? What do you find most challenging? MICHELLE: I love that if people are exposed to my music I have the opportunity to bring them joy, positivity, comfort, healing, etc. The part that has been most challenging for me is the business side of being an artist. There is so much you have to know, and you need to have discernment as well. I read a lot of books and read articles on the Internet, but you can guarantee I made phone calls to the copyright office, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, and SoundExchange for help too! For me, it was a little complicated when I first started out.

BLAKE: What advice would you give to young, aspiring artists out there who are unsure and need guidance? MICHELLE: I would recommend finding a mentor. Talk with people who are making it, ask how they got where they are. Read, research, and rehearse. But most of all, keep the faith and follow your dreams!

BLAKE: What's next for you as an artist? Anything in the works? If so, what can you tell us about it? MICHELLE: Well, my current single *Don't Disappear* is the title track from my new LP *Don't Disappear* and I'll be promoting more music from that release. I have found a local church and am honored to perform with the youth ministry worship team. My hopes are to reach out to the younger generation and teach them messages about the love of Jesus Christ. I'm looking to find a producer for my next LP that is already in the works, and am focusing on establishing a real 'home' for my business, Michelle Kaye Music & Productions. In the near future, I envision touring and finding talented, God-fearing musicians to be my bandmates to help share the gospel around the world. BLAKE: Awesome! I hope to hear your new work very soon, and I expect to hear great things about your career, too!

Find Michelle at [www.artistecard.com/michellekaye](http://www.artistecard.com/michellekaye).

## Sage Holben honored as Metropolitan State University staff emerita

Robert Boos  
Metropolitan State University

Sage Holben, a long-time Metropolitan State University library employee and Dayton's Bluff and East Side community activist, has been honored as staff emerita at the university's spring commencement on May 2 in Saint Paul.

Holben was a library technician for 17 years at the university's Library and Learning Center, 645 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Saint Paul. As part of her professional duties, she fostered myriad connections between the library and community, including advocating for the homeless who frequented the facility.

For many years, Holben has formally and informally been active in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and, more broadly, the East Side. She was a two-term president of the Dayton's Bluff District Council, a three-year chair of the council's Land Use Committee, and a neighborhood block leader. She is currently a board member and writer for the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* newspaper.

For the East Side, Holben helped establish the East Side Restorative Justice Project, which promotes communication and understanding between neighborhood offenders and the community. She has also served on several ad hoc city-related committees benefiting the East Side and participated with Saint Paul Youth Services to strengthen connections with area youth. She currently volunteers with the recently-launched East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St., Saint Paul.

Holben has also done much to informally forge connections with the neighborhood and community. For instance, she established the East Side's first Little Free Library. She has also offered art

programs and community lunch chats at her home and "movie nights" for youth and neighborhood residents on her front porch.

"What I most enjoyed has been using 'my corner' as a place for welcoming and sharing," says Holben, who worked in social service-related jobs before starting at Metropolitan State. "I live three blocks from Metro State and have often laughed how it can take me 45 minutes to three hours to walk home. People will stop and talk, I'll be invited for supper, or we'll walk through a house or garden."

"One youth told me he would sometimes sleep on my porch at night when



Photo courtesy of Sage Holben

From left to right are fellow Staff Emerita recipients, Sue Amos Palmer, Leanne Derry, and Sage Holben.

things were too bad at home. That he and others would ring me at night for help or shelter, knowing they would be safe, that is what is meaningful and matters most to me."

Holben, who graduated with academic honors in earning her bachelor's degree in liberal arts in 1997 from William Penn College (now William Penn University), plans to remain active as a community volunteer in Dayton's Bluff and the East Side. She also expects to travel and continue working on a variety of artistic endeavors.

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## MN STEP Academy charter school moving to Sacred Heart campus

Carla Riehle  
Forum Staff

In July, MN STEP Academy, formerly located in Inver Grove Heights, will be moving into the school building at 835 East 5th Street on the campus of Sacred Heart Church. The building has become available for rental because its former occupant, Twin Cities Academy, is constructing a new facility on East Minnehaha Avenue on the former Cemstone grounds.

The school's current enrollment is around 250 students but, according to Executive Director, Mustafa Ibrahim, will have room for about 50 more, and is currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

MN Step Academy is a charter

school operating under the authorization of Minneapolis-based Innovative Quality Schools which authorizes 20 other charter schools in Minnesota. "STEP" stands for "Science, Technology and Engineering Preparatory" and the school enrolls students from 6th to 12th grade with an emphasis on students who are underserved by traditional schools and are underrepresented within those fields.

The school has a diverse student body, including both native-born and immigrant students, with a majority from East Africa, although like all Minnesota public charters schools, it is non-sectarian and non-religious. Executive Director Ibrahim says that families and staff are looking forward to the move to St. Paul, where many of the school's students currently live.

For more information or to submit an application, contact the school at 651-289-6120 or [info@mnstepacademy.com](mailto:info@mnstepacademy.com), or visit the website at [www.stepacademymn.com](http://www.stepacademymn.com).



Carla Riehle

Two young attendees of the Darul Uloom Islamic Center's open house, held on May 28.

**Have Forum, will travel...**



**Jill Quednow, Dayton's Bluff resident, in NYC's Bryant Park, 6th Avenue and 42nd Street.**

Several readers sent us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you'd like to do the same, please email photos to [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org).



**Former neighborhood resident Sherry Johnson (aka Myrna Ploy) in her Rat City Roller girls uniform in Washington, reading the Dayton's Bluff District Forum.**



Photo courtesy of St. Pascal Baylon School

St. Pascal Baylon School participated in a neighborhood clean-up along with teachers, staff and awesome parent volunteers. They had a great time helping make the neighborhood look beautiful while learning about the importance of taking care of our Earth and neighbors.

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**A successful seventh annual Art in the Hollow**

*Karin DuPaul  
Forum Staff*

The seventh annual Art in the Hollow took place on June 4. More than 45 artists were selling their art and there was entertainment all day. The weather was beautiful most of the day with some rain in the afternoon. One artist said that as it rained, more visitors came and they bought more things. The artists were great with a wide variety of art. Visitors marveled at the beautiful event in the picturesque park setting.

Entertainment was excellent and included: The Mexican Mariachi band, John Knowles, American Indian Magnet School Dancers, Dorothy Doring, sound person and singer Paul Garding, Michael & the Toothgrinder Band, singer Kirk Larson, Swede Hollow Songs by East Side Thrive Talented Youth, Nancy Sanchelli Guertin sharing tales about her father's life as a former resident of Swede Hollow, Kamala Chaand Dancers, Levi Weinhagen's Mobile Comedy Suitcase, and many others.

Marni Oberpriller and some of her Johnson High School students brought ceramics to sell and also staffed the Teen Activities tent. Michelle Freeman and youth from Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center staffed the Kids Activities tent. The History Tent was a popular spot with historian Steve Trimble sharing local history and a number of former Swede Hollow residents stopping by to share some Swede Hollow history. Diane May was face painting, which is always a favorite with the children.

The sculpture contest winners were: First prize; Milo Meitzner, second prize; John Buehe, and third prize; Stephen Workmen. The peoples' choice award went to Ben Greiling and Whitney Greilanger.

A special thank you to everyone, including the Saint Paul Police Department, and Greenhouse Recovery Center residents, who helped to make the seventh annual Art in the Hollow a magnificent success.

To share ideas and thoughts, or to volunteer or register for the eighth annual Art in the Hollow in 2017, contact Karin at 651-776-0550 or visit [www.artinthehollow.org](http://www.artinthehollow.org) or on Facebook. For more information on Friends of Swede Hollow, see [www.swedehollow.org](http://www.swedehollow.org).

**East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek**

Forum contributor Steve Trimble ate at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side in 2015. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town. There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 59 may now be found online at [daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org](http://daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org): click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at [daytonsbuff@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbuff@gmail.com).

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This was the first Salvadorian restaurant in St. Paul. It is owned by a man from El Salvador, but it also offers Mexican meals. I had been there a few times before in years past, but I was now returning as part of the Taste Trek and introducing a friend to the place. There are 11 tables for groups of four in the room with its wood wainscoting and a floor of brown tile. There are flags of Mexico and El Salvador on the walls along with other Latino ornaments. It was lunchtime and there were several groups of customers.

The menu is based on "antojitos Salvadorianos," which is the kind of street food found in El Salvador. Some of the

best sellers are pupusas and rebueltas, as well as plain cheese and bean and cheese panes and tortas. They also have Salvadorian steak served with French fries, rice, or beans. Entrees include beef tortillas, fried casava, platano frito, stuffed peppers, chicken stew, carne asada, tacos, and burritos. There are lots of choices for drinks including coke, Jarritos, and horchadas, which are a traditional Latino drink which vary from place to place, but include strained morro seeds, sugar, cinnamon, and vanilla.

In addition to the usual weekday fare, every Saturday and Sunday there is a special buffet of soups. It varies, but usually contains seafood soup – which I had here once – beef soup, and sopa menuo (a traditional concoction of beef stomach in broth, with lime, onions, cilantro, and red chili peppers). I had Salvadorian chicken stew. It was not served in a bowl as I expected, but on a plate on top of rice.

My order also had small salad and re-fried beans. My companion had two tacos, one pork and the other cheese. We each had a pupusa – one of the most famous Salvadorian foods, thick handmade corn tortillas made from a cornmeal dough. The most common variety of pupusa is the pupusa de quesillo, made of cheese and pupusa re-vuelta with cheese, beans, and shredded pork. As usual, they were served with curtido, a fermented cabbage slaw that contains chilies and vinegar. Oh, I had a Passion horchada to accompany the meal.

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