

Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"



Karin DuPaul

The National Night Out (NNO) celebration on August 2, at Upper Swede Hollow Park.

National Night Out – a great night!

*Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff*

The National Night Out (NNO) celebration on August 2, at Upper Swede Hollow Park (Greenbrier and Margaret Streets) had approximately 100 people in attendance. "The Great Brodini Comedy Magic Show" and the "Next

Exit Band" entertained the crowd.

St. John's Lutheran Church members grilled hot dogs and neighbors brought dishes to share.

Both police officers and firefighters stopped by to visit with the neighbors. A Eureka Recycling truck and staff stopped by with information and recycling bins.

Most importantly, everyone had a great time. This was the thirty-second year this neighborhood celebrated National Night Out and they are already thinking ahead to next year.



Greg Cosimini

You can always count on a few politicians at a National Night Out event and the one at Mounds Park United Methodist Church had its share. Left to right: State Representative Sheldon Johnson, St. Paul Councilmember Jane Prince, church Outreach Director Eric Buck, Farm-Faith Project coordinator Sarah Goodall, and State Senator Fong Hawj.



Greg Cosimini

It wouldn't be a National Night Out event without a fire engine and its crew. Here, Engine 17 from Station 17 on Payne Avenue, stops in front of Mounds Park United Methodist Church at Euclid and Earl.



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Brenda Reid, Dayton's Bluff Community Council program manager, cuts the WEQY first anniversary cake with volunteers at the second annual 7th Street LIVE event held on Saturday, August 13.



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Now you can take the Voice of the East Side anywhere you go. Listen to the stream by going to the Stream LIVE tab on the WEQY website by visiting <http://weqy.org/listen-live> or download the TuneIn app on any mobile device and follow WEQY.

Tune in for music from local and national artists, as well as information about what's happening in your community.

Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

The Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike tours are canceled until further notice. 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, September 7, at 6:30 p.m.** Email 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 **Tuesday, September 6, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7th Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email editor@daytonsbuff.org for more information.

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, September 21, 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.

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!



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.

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.

Serve your community – volunteer!

Ramsey County Volunteer Services is seeking a volunteer Information Desk Attendant to provide a warm welcome and general information to visitors of the Ramsey County Government Center East.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. For more information, contact Ramsey County Volunteer Services at 651-266-4090 or e-mail HumanServicesVolunteer@co.ramsey.mn.us.

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.**



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.

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.



Saturday, September 10: Independent Wrestling International (IWI) presents *Remembrance*. **Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Bell is at 7:30 p.m.** Come early to get the best seats!

Thursday, September 15: 2016 ESABA (East Side Area Business Association) Pub Crawl, **5:30 p.m.**

Saturday, September 17: Collectivus Dance Season Two Performance. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Thursday, September 29 – Sunday, October 9: *May the Musical Be With You – A Star Wars Parody*.

Weekends, October 14-30: *Real Haunted Tours* return to the Mounds. Tickets are \$20. Advance reservations highly recommended.

Visit moundstheatre.org for more information on these 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.

September at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Join the Dayton's Bluff Library for the following events taking place in September: *FunZONE: Games and Maker Space*; **Saturdays, September 10, 17, and 24, from noon to 2:00 p.m.**

Third Saturday Social; **Saturday, September 17, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Explore a different part of the world by learning about its local customs, crafts and cuisine. September's destination: China!

Code Club; **Saturday, September 24, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Program robots, make animation, design video games, and learn to code! Every month, the crew from Code Savvy will help you to learn and explore this exciting technology.

Get back to school with *Homework Help in the Zone!* **Beginning September 6**, students may drop in to use homework centers – comfortable spaces at the library where students of all ages can drop in and work on their homework independently or with the help of volunteer tutors. The centers are equipped with comfortable furniture, computers, printers, reference books, and school supplies for student use. *Homework Help in the Zone* is available **Monday-Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

For information about these and other events check spl.org or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

September at the East Side Freedom Library

The East Side Freedom Library will host a workshop series on *Mindfulness Meditation: The Practice of Freedom*, **Fridays, from noon to 1:00 p.m., beginning September 16.**

The workshop will be led by Marc Anderson, a widely respected teacher of meditation. This weekly gathering will focus on the ritual of mindfulness meditation as the practice of freedom, and

will encourage participants to consider the meaning of freedom through shared readings, discussion, and writing reflections.

This gathering is open to everyone; sessions are drop-in and offered on a donation basis.

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

Mixed Precipitation Theater presents: A Picnic Operetta

An '80s pop retelling of the 1787 Mozart opera, *Don Giovanni*, an edible opera adventure for the whole family, *A Picnic Operetta* marks an eight-year tradition of celebrating the harvest with a unique blend of music, horticulture, food, and storytelling.

A Picnic Operetta will take place on **Sunday, September 18, at 2:00 p.m.**, at Skidmore Park Community Garden, located at 1085 4th Street East, St. Paul.

Call 1-800-838-3006 or visit mixedprecipitation.org for reservations. Seating is limited and reservations are highly recommended.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their own blankets and lawn chairs. Some blankets are provided.

Business Classes

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in the fall of 2016. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Class training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor.

Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited. Call Emma Spillman at 651-379-8432 to apply.

Saint Paul Welcome Hat

Are you new to the area? Over the past year, Saint Paul Hello has welcomed and connected newcomers to the city of Saint Paul through Saint Paul Welcome Hat, a bimonthly celebration that highlights the best of the city. Join other Twin Cities newcomers for music, cocktails, and a meet-and-greet with local businesses and organizations. Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, will present each newcomer with a free faux fur hat to help you prepare for winter in Minnesota!

The next Welcome Hat event will take place at the Minnesota History Center (345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul) on **Tuesday, September 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

To register for this free event, visit www.mnhs.org/event/1918 or call 651-259-3015. Learn more at stphello.com and #stphello.

Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736
Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a neighborhood congregation where cultures meet, located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. Sunday worship starts at **10:30 a.m.** Come and meet your neighbors!

Sunday, September 11: Start of *Sunday School* for all ages! Everyone from the community is invited to attend adult classes at **9:15 a.m.**, followed by nursery school (age 2 and younger), pre-school (ages 3-5), elementary school (ages 6-11), and youth classes (ages 12 and older), at **10:45 a.m.**

Monday, September 19: Start of the *Fall After-School Program for area Youth*, sponsored by McVay Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades 5-12 at Mounds Park Church from **3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week offering cooking classes, games, homework help, field trips, and help learning English.

Wednesday, September 28: Starting at **noon**, join Mounds Park United Methodist for a *Community Friendship Gathering* with hot lunch. We begin with a hot lunch of meatloaf, baked potato, salad, baby carrots, rolls, and dessert, followed by a program featuring Joanne Bolles playing her guitar and leading us in song. All are invited to come; the focus of this event is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

Join the celebration: CLUES is turning 35!

Mark your calendars: CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio) celebrates its 35th anniversary and kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month with Fiesta Latina, a free outdoor celebration of family, community, and Latino culture, on **Saturday, September 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at CLUES headquarters on the East Side of Saint Paul!

The day will be overflowing with fun activities, such as:

- Arts & Science Village: a community mural & arts-mobile.
- Health & Wellness Village: free health screenings & wellness resources.
- Fitness & Sports Village: soccer, basketball, Zumba, Karate, fitness programs, & much more!

There will be live music, a DJ, and folkloric dance performances, as well as delicious Latino food! Play games, win prizes, and explore the richness of the East Side of Saint Paul while celebrating the diversity and beauty of the Latino Culture! Follow us on Facebook: "CLUES Fiesta Latina" and share with your family and friends!

Interested in volunteering or more information? Contact volunteer@clues.org or call 651-379-4237.

Don't trash it – fix it! Ramsey County to host free Fix-It Clinic

Mary Elizabeth Berglund
 Special to the Forum

Ramsey County's next Fix-It Clinic will be held at Arc's Value Village Thrift Store on White Bear Avenue on **August 27, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Volunteer "Fixers" will work with individuals to fix up to three broken items and teach valuable repair skills.

Ramsey County's Environmental Health Division is committed to raising awareness in the community regarding environmental stewardship. In addition to educational campaigns that promote curbside recycling and organics recycling, the Fix-It Clinic program encourages residents to consider repairing broken items instead of throwing them in the trash.

Volunteer "Fixers" work with attendees to diagnose and repair each item, teaching valuable troubleshooting and basic repair skills and building community connections. Three out of every four items are successfully repaired on-site, reducing the number of objects that end up in landfills.

"Our free Fix-it Clinics provide Ramsey County residents the opportunity to repair items rather than throwing them away," said Victoria Reinhardt, chair of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. "The clinics are designed to get every ounce of value out of useful items, teach valuable repair skills, save money, and take care of our environment in the process."

Individuals are welcome to bring

items, such as small household appliances, electronics, and clothing to the clinics. Previous notable repairs have included vintage objects such as fans and sewing machines, a plethora of eclectic lamps, and several electronics such as TVs, DVD players, and tape decks. Several Fixers also provide mending services for clothes in need of patchwork, hemming, or tailoring. All repair services are free of charge.

Ramsey County welcomes individuals



Ramsey County

interested in volunteering as Fixers for future clinics. Those with a general propensity toward tinkering, troubleshooting, and repair are welcome to join our Fixing Team.

For more information regarding attending or volunteering at Fix-It Clinics, as well as a list of upcoming dates, please visit RamseyRecycles.com, call 651-266-1199, or email AsKEH@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Arc's Value Village is in a convenient location and a good partner for this Fix-It Clinic. Arc has been dedicated to helping those with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 30 years through the generosity of shoppers, donors, and volunteers. For more information, visit ArcsValueVillage.org.

Call 651-683-2326 to make a reservation or to request a ride. Elder Cafe cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation.

Admission is free for seniors age 60 and over; all other guests are invited to make a suggested donation of \$10. This event is presented in partnership between East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton's Bluff.



East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: History of the East Side

Janet Golden
 Executive Director, East Side Elders

Back by popular demand! On **Thursday, September 8, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran Church (463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul) East Side Elders presents *Elder Cafe: History of the East Side*. Local historian and long-time Dayton's Bluff resident, Steve Trimble, will again provide a fascinating journey through the history of our East Side Neighborhood. Come and share your own stories!

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100 gather for Edible Streetscape Community Meal

Miah Ulysse
Urban Oasis

The Edible Streetscape Community Meal was a hit! Last month on Saturday, August 6, 100 East Side neighbors and

friends gathered on Margaret Street to commemorate the culmination of the Edible Streetscape project. The summer-long project included 10 planters along East 7th Street, each featuring a food culture represented on the East Side. The planters have been artfully cared for and nurtured throughout the growing season by Urban Oasis' Edible Streetscape Intern, Victoria Sheild. The Community Meal symbolized the peak of the harvest season - a time to gather, to share, and to delight in the company of friends!



Urban Oasis

100 neighbors and friends gathered to share a community meal on Margaret Street, August 6.

Watch the Glow

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

"Watch the Glow" of the setting sun on the red brick brewery at the event hosted by Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) each year.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meet at the Henge in lower Swede Hollow Park, near the Drewry Lane and Beaumont entrance. Witness the sunset firsthand, and see the bright, beautiful glow of the brewery building. After the sun sets, the evening

cookout begins and socializing continues.

Former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's employees are invited to share memories of the "good old days" of living in the Hollow and working at the brewery. It is a wonderful way to meet some great people and visit Swede Hollow Park.

FOSH is a nonprofit organization which works to address Swede Hollow issues, plantings, cleanups, education, history tours, and events including the popular Art in the Hollow.

For more information or to volunteer please email Karin DuPaul at karin@swedehollow.org or call 651-776-0550.



Karin DuPaul

A group gathered at sunset to witness the 2016 "Watch the Glow" event held annually in Swede Hollow Park.

Executive Director Tracy Sides led the community into the moving poem, *A Grace* by GE Patterson, the very grace recited in the 2013 CREATE Meal on Victoria Street in Frogtown (Saint Paul, MN).

Head Chef at Urban Oasis, Malcolm Kaplan, and guest Executive Chef of Breaking Bread Cafe/Chelle's Kitchen, Lachelle Cunningham, served up five amazing family-style dishes, each representative of one of the 10 food traditions in the planters on East 7th. Among the items served were: bean thread noodle salad (prepared and served by Eagle Scout, Chinu Thao), wild rice salad, stewed black beans, braised collards, African berbere chicken, and coconut rice pudding (*yum, right?!*) One young attendee claimed he ate 20 pieces of the African berbere chicken – talk about a full meal!

Each table housed a table host, who engaged attendees in conversation around the importance and significance of food in their lives – which foods do you hold dear? Do you remember a significant moment in your life when food was present? How did it make you feel?

Who was there? Why is this moment significant? Has this moment contributed to how you view food today?

The table hosts asked attendees to share whether they felt inspired to act on their table conversations. "To come back next year," "[to] start a garden in my backyard!" and "to keep on [striving for] a better, healthier life" were among the 60+ responses received as a result of an engagement activity conducted at the completion of the meal. This is what Urban Oasis strives for – cultivating a healthy, resilient, and prosperous community through delicious food!

In the words of one attendee, "having a meal is not just to eat when you're hungry. Sit, enjoy, feed the soul! Thank you." Urban Oasis is proud to have shared this evening with the amazing residents and friends of the East Side and looks forward to meeting the community at future events!

Urban Oasis uses the power of food to build a healthy, resilient & prosperous community on Saint Paul's East Side. To get involved, visit www.urbanoasismn.org, contact info@urbanoasismn.org, or 651-347-0954.



Brad Griffith

St. Paul's East Side is a historic and welcoming destination for immigrants. A panel discussion on Islamophobia and how it is a danger to our society took place on August 16, at First Lutheran Church, drawing a crowd of over 100 participants.

Take a stroll along a tree trail

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

September might be a great time to walk around Indian Mounds Park and find out about trees. Perfect for scouts or kids whose teacher wants them to bring in leaves for a project. It's a mile-long path that visits 31 unique trees, all marked, including a beautiful catalpa, a mighty white oak, a colorful eastern redbud, and many more.

If you search "tree trek" online, there is additional information and a color coded map from the city that you can download.

Each tree has a brown stand-up marker next to it with information about the tree. If you have a smart phone you can scan a QR code to find even more data and photos.

It's worth noting that tree #30, just west of Earl Street – a tamarack – is missing its marker.



Steve Trimble

A magnolia tree and information marker planted to add to the diversity of the landscape.



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Opinion: Youth programming in Dayton's Bluff

Editor's note: The following letter is published in response to an opinion piece by a young reader named Rojo, which appeared in the August 2016 issue of the Forum.

Dear Rojo,

Thank you for your letter and your concern about the adequacy of programs for youth here in Dayton's Bluff. We share many of those same concerns.

There are a number of youth-oriented programs available here in Dayton's Bluff. These range from the Urban Roots program (<http://urbanrootsmn.org/programs/>), which is very similar to the program you participate in, to local arts programming, and more traditional programs such as the Boy Scouts.

There are also programs through the St. Paul Public Library: a traveling rec center with the St. Paul Parks and Recreation department, and a tutoring programming open to all children run by Bethlehem Lutheran Church that in-

cludes fun field trips to local museums. Also, throughout the year, New BAM (Black Arts Movement) meets at the East Side Enterprise Center with support from the Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC).

Currently, a number of young people are creating programming on DBCC's radio station, WEQY 104.7 FM. All of these programs work to "keep kids off the streets" as you mentioned, and engaged in their East Side community – but all of us need to do more.

We are working hard with our city councilmember, Jane Prince, to increase the number of youth programs, specifically at rec centers on the East Side. Jane is a reader of the *District Forum*, so there is no doubt that she read your letter and is willing to help.

Rojo, we are thrilled that there are young people like you who are passionate about our community and are eager to take a leadership role. Check out some of the activities here in our community, and please come see us at our headquarters at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street, or give us a call at 651-772-2075. Our board meetings are usually on the third Monday of each month.

Signed: Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board and Staff

Opinion: Pedestrian safety at Burns Avenue and Johnson Parkway

I live on Johnson Pkwy very close to Burns Avenue, and have been here since the year 2000. I really enjoy my home and my Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.

Over the past couple of years, though, things have changed; particularly the increased amount of traffic using Burns and Johnson Parkway. The area has turned into a speedway of sorts.

Everyday, I hear and see cars rushing up Johnson Parkway only to come to a quick stop at Burns. The same goes for those going west on Burns to slow quickly down to turn onto Johnson Pkwy or to continue their fast speed up Burns. The engine noise accompanies them when leaving from the stop sign.

I don't mean a few miles over the

speed limit; I mean FAST – motorcycles, too. As a resident and a pedestrian, I am very aware when trying to cross Burns, to get to the trail up to Mounds Park. I listen very carefully for oncoming traffic, because Burns is a hill and it is very hard to see traffic coming from the west to east. No matter how hard I listen, there are times I have had to turn around and rush back to the curb for safety.

I am not the only one who crosses Burns to walk to or from the park. Families of all sizes and ages, people who walk their dogs, joggers, and bikers, all have had to stop in their tracks to wait for cars speeding along Burns.

I am wondering if anyone else in the neighborhood has had issues and concerns about vehicle traffic. I don't want a tragedy to happen before someone takes notice. Pedestrian signage or crosswalks, perhaps? Something needs to be done.

Signed: Susan Richter

Are you receiving your copy of the *Forum* each month?

If you live in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood, you should receive your copy of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* within the first two weeks of each month.

If you live within the neighborhood and feel you have missed delivery, please email editor@daytonsbuff.org along

with your name and mailing address. We will contact the US Postal Service on your behalf.

If you do not live within the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood but enjoy reading the *Forum*, you can pick up a copy at many neighborhood locations, including the Dayton's Bluff Community Council offices at 804 Margaret Street, or email editor@daytonsbuff.org to have the *Forum* mailed to you for a yearly fee of \$15.



Sage Holben

Stop signs around Dayton's Bluff, as well as many other St. Paul neighborhoods, were vandalized and used as platforms to speak out against police brutality on August 15.

Rep. Sheldon Johnson invites you to: THE EAST SIDE OPEN MARKET

at the First Lutheran Church Courtyard
on the corner of Maria and Eighth St.

Every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The East Side Open Market is a farmers market that offers an array of fresh and locally produced food, as well as art and live music. Food items include pies, jelly, jams, honey, wildrice, eggs, veggies and more. Be sure to check out the handmade arts and crafts items too.

I hope you'll come join me and your neighbors for the East Side Open Market every Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m at the First Lutheran Church on Maria.

You can find out more at by calling David Gray at 651-815-8523

Join your neighbors and local farmers for food, music and family fun
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Dayton's Bluff resident gains DFL endorsement

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

Jeanelle Foster was endorsed at the DFL convention on August 13. She is running to fill a one-year term on the St. Paul School Board.

Foster was far ahead on the first ballot when other candidates withdrew in her favor. The group voted a unanimous endorsement. Foster has raised two children on the East Side and as a teacher, has worked for many years with children and families, offering parent education and leading diversity groups.

Watch for a full-length article about Ms. Foster in the October issue of the *Forum*.



Jeanelle Foster

Dayton's Bluff resident and vice president of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, Jeanelle Foster is running to serve a one-year term on the St. Paul School Board. Ms. Foster was recently endorsed by the DFL.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council is working for YOU!

Deanna Abbott-Foster, Executive Director
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC) has achieved major accomplishments in past five years:

- Capital improvements for 12 businesses in 10 buildings on E. 7th building acquisitions by 2 minority business owners
- Fostered local business relationships leading to \$800,000 in business loans by Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC); inspired expansion of NENDC grant/loan pool to Dayton's Bluff; 7th Street STAR (Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization) loan/grant program leveraged \$3.5 million (estimated to date)
- Make it Happen on E. 7th Street inspired launch of East Side economic development ecosystem for minority business/jobs
- Restored vacant building to become the East Side Enterprise Center and Community HQ
- Introduced organizing to recruit 60 residents for local hiring event; 25 of 43 are DBCC recruits
- Stopped Metro State from building parking ramp on 7th Street and Student Center off 7th Street
- Awarded \$245,000 for transit organizing on East Side, trained 10 new community organizers of color, five of whom are actively organizing on the East Side
- Launched WEQY – 104.7 FM – East Side community radio focused on leadership and engagement by communities of color
- Supported multiple organizations launching a vibrant local food system on the East Side
- Leveraged local political relationships to support legislative allocations (\$750,000) for East Side economic development
- Launched farmers market, trained local vendors, transferred operation to vendors

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Twin Cities Academy — committed to challenging students

Mark Gallagher
Forum Staff

Twin Cities Academy, located at 690 Birmingham Street on St. Paul's East Side, is a college preparatory school for all students. The school focuses on a diverse student body insuring that their students graduate from high school and go on to some post-secondary education.

The school has four virtues, which are the building blocks of the school: Respect, Optimism, Achievement, and Responsibility. (They recently changed their value propositions for the merged school.)

"Twin Cities Academy was started by a group of educators who wanted to have another middle school option in the St. Paul area," explains Principal Betsy Lueth. "The middle school opened in 1999, and the high school opened in 2006. It was one of the very first charter schools started. We are a uniform school — uniforms keep us very focused on learning. We also have very high discipline and academic expectations."

Elizabeth Orme, Director of Special Education, validates the thoughts of Principal Lueth. "I actually started in the Chicago area where I received my teaching license," Orme says. "So when I moved back to the Twin Cities, I wanted to find a place that I felt was providing an excellent education to its students. I came to Twin Cities Academy and interviewed here and saw it to be a place where any student could come through the door and receive a high quality education."

"We offer a lot of AP (advance placement) classes and honors classes to push kids forward," says Lueth. "We also offer support classes in math and reading for kids who might be struggling initially when they come in — with the hope that they can get into those AP and honors classes by the time they graduate."

Twin Cities Academy is a charter school and is smaller than a typical middle school or high school. "We have about 624 students in both the middle school and high school," Lueth says. "Our teachers and staff have more personal relationships with our students — that contributes greatly to the success of our school."

"We follow state standards," Principal Lueth says. "We are just like any other school district in that we have to teach kids to the same state standards. How we teach the students might be different

in terms of we tend to be less textbook driven, but we are more assertive and innovative in our approaches to getting our students to understand those standards."

Twin Cities Academy offers something that most public middle schools or high schools can't or don't offer. "I think it is that individualized attention, which translates into a lot of support, encouragement, and enrichment," Lueth says. "We do have students, quite a few students, who are not getting enough challenge in the current middle or high school programs. Those students come here for more challenge, and we meet kids wherever they are."

Class size is about 25 students, with no more than 30 in a classroom. Academy students take seven 50-minute classes a day. Besides the core courses of math, science, English, social studies, and history, each student can take electives. The number of electives is based on the student's grade and what other courses the student needs to take.

"We offer something called 'office hours' after school where students who need help can get more individualized attention from teachers," declares Lueth. "It's a 45-minute period at the end of our day before the buses leave; it's not a structured class."

"We also have tutoring programs. The University of St. Thomas sends students to our school who provide tutoring services to our students, and we use peer tutoring where high school students work with middle school students."

The Academy's authorizer, the University of St. Thomas, also oversees and holds Twin Cities Academy accountable to all of the state's statutes and requirements that the Minnesota Department of Education has for charter schools. The University of St. Thomas makes two site visits to the school per year and is provided with quarterly reports from Principal Lueth.

Twin Cities Academy has a strong service-learning requirement where the students go out and work with local nonprofit organizations and provide volunteer support to those organizations throughout the year. The students have to do a certain number of volunteer hours per year in order to graduate.

"The mission of Twin Cities Academy is that we serve all students," says Principal Lueth. "We want to have our diverse population of students be college ready by the time they graduate and to promote their accepting of one another along with being contributing members of society."

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Moundsiders Memories

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

"Moundsiders." What in the world does that mean? It is the title of a booklet that was put together in 1980 by students at the Mounds Park Junior High – then at Third and Earl. They were part of what was called the Student Exploration Project. The booklet was printed by the Harding High School Graphics class. Students learned about the history of the area around the school by doing research and collecting stories from seniors. Here are some excerpts of the oral histories.

Mrs. Krueger: "In those years, the early '40s, we used to have what we called the junk man. He would come by in his horse and cart and stop at the side of the house and ask me if he could water his horse. That is something I remember because soon there were no horses... most of the time we walked. I walked to work." As a teenager? "Well, the same things you do, in a way. I liked to go to the movies, go skating, and swim. I'm not a swimmer, but I tried."

What were her favorite memories? "I can remember when we were young, one of our things to do was dating each other, or a group of us would walk out to Phalen and listen to band concerts. We did a lot of walking... I went to the old Sibley because we lived in this area."

Mrs. Tidgewell was asked about change: "We don't have any corner stores, just big stores, and we have buses where we used to have streetcars. Well, my house was built in 1890, and in this block on Fifth Street there was a pond. The man that used to live in my house would collect leeches and sell them to the druggist to put on poisonings."

Mrs. Sandifer: "I can even remember that my brother would use a horse and buggy to deliver groceries for people." She spoke of Rifle Lake. "Behind Mounds Park where the playground is now, there was a lake called Rifle Lake. On the side of the lake there was

a small hotel. On the weekends people would come and spend the weekend there. The people would go boating and fishing at the lake."

Hildur Lake was interviewed at the age of ninety while living at the Wilder Residence for seniors. She came from Sweden when she was eight.

"I got married to Frank and moved up on Mounds Boulevard. We had a contractor build our house, at that

time there were two on the block. There were the Lemons on the corner of McLean and they built their house about the time we did... Across the street on Urban there was a fountain that would fill up with water when it rained so in the winter there would be a skating rink."

During WWII "times were hard. We had to ration gas and sugar and shoes. We had coupons, and we could only buy two pairs of shoes a year. Many businesses closed down; and Tuppie, Frank's sister, had to move in with us. Tuppie's husband lost his job, so they came to live with us..."

During prohibition Hildur and her husband "got along fine. We didn't drink." But the man who built the house next door, the Miller's House, got arrested for making moonshine.... The Miller's house has two garages, one on the house and one farther back. They say that's where he made bootleg and that there is a tunnel connecting the two garages."

There were others – Bob Sullivan gave information on working at Hamm's Brewery and mentioned the Hamm's kidnapping. Barb Larson shared stories of the Giesen House – the large red brick structure at McLean and Mound Street. They interviewed Jon Ricci of the city's Parks and Recreation Department about Carver's Cave. He wasn't quoted a lot, except when he said "two caves have steel doors on them, Carver's Cave is the one with water coming out from under the door." He then added, "I want everyone to stay out of the caves and to tell all of their friends to stay out, especially in the spring when the ground is moving."

Now, the names of all the students who were responsible for creating *Moundsiders* – if my math is correct – would all be in their mid-fifties. If you are one of them or know one, write a letter to this paper with your memories of Mounds Park Junior High. The students were Don Aronson, Darryl Benson, Robert Buhl, Steve Clarkin, Cindy Gaul, Bruce Gorr, Lisa Hanson, Connie Carlson-Johnson, Chris Knobeck, Mark Mathes, Noreen Moore, Jay Okeson, Jody Robinson, Jerry Smith, Jim Vaughn, and Lorie Waldo.

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Minnesota Historical Society
The cover of *Moundsiders* – a booklet published in 1980 by a group of Mounds Park Junior High School Students, showcasing memories of long-time East Side residents.



Greg Cosimini
Butterflies on the Bluff! This Tiger Swallowtail butterfly was spotted in a Dayton's Bluff garden on August 17.



Doug Champeau
Speaking of "Moundsiders," these kids enjoyed a bike ride through present-day Indian Mounds Park.

Dayton's Bluff Ice Palace postcards at the State Fair

Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

The 1938 St. Paul Winter Carnival Ice Palace was built somewhere in Dayton's

Bluff. It is the subject of a postcard collection that will be on display in the Creative Activities Building at this year's Minnesota State Fair. It includes twelve postcards, descriptions of the Ice Palace and information about the search for and discovery of its exact location. Check back next month to find out if the postcards won any ribbons and where our lost Ice Palace was located.

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Greg Cosimini
Be sure to stop by the Creative Activities Building to check out a little piece of Dayton's Bluff history at this year's Minnesota State Fair. The Fair runs August 25, through Labor Day, September 5.



Mary Block and Mark Cosimini enjoy their favorite newspaper in sunny Florence, Italy.

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@daytonsluff.org.



Dan McGuinness read his Forum in Yerevan, Armenia, in front of the History Museum.



Heather MacLaughlin at Place Léon-Blum in Paris in front of a statue of Voltaire.

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East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble ate at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. 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 daytonsluffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsluff@gmail.com.

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Even though I officially ended my Taste Trek at the end of 2015, three new restaurants have opened so far in 2016. I decided to have an epilogue for the East Side Eating blog. Here's the first of at least three more reviews.

The owner of Judy's Kitchen is Charles Dexter, a 35 year old African-American man with a young daughter named Zora. He was born in California, grew up in Minneapolis, and now lives on the East Side. The restaurant is named for his mother who died around a year ago. One of the reasons Dexter opened the business was to find a way to have a memorial to her.

While the restaurant features soul food, Dexter wants to provide some steaks, since the building was a long-time Best Steakhouse. Sure enough, a bit later someone walked in to get a take-out order and asked "Isn't this the old steakhouse?"

Inside, there are nine two-person tables and a long one with six to eight

seats. There is wooden wainscoting and some art work on the white walls. Dexter is working with some East Side artists to provide a portrait of Judy as well as other appropriate art work.

The menu is not extensive and is always being changed a bit. Here are some of the possibilities: Lunch is served all day and featured a Philly cheese steak sandwich, chili cheese dogs, burgers, deli sandwiches, and grilled chicken sandwiches.

The dinner menu includes a T-bone steak, New York strip steak, BBQ ribs, Philly cheese steak sandwiches (6" or 10") tilapia filets, hamburgers, a BBQ chicken sandwich, and current specials such as 15 chicken wings for \$9.99.

Sides include collard greens, spaghetti, baked beans, baked mac and cheese, red beans, and corn. Some of the desserts are peach cobbler, cake slices, and, of course, sweet potato pie. There is

a special sauce for the barbecue, which, as you might guess, is a secret.

I had ribs with sides of spaghetti and baked beans that had bits of hamburger and bacon in them. Dexter's girlfriend, Tia, was helping and making two deliveries while we were there.

Dexter is an optimistic person and is slowly working toward developing a great restaurant and community gathering spot. He feels that people have been very supportive of his project. He has worked with the Payne Avenue Business Association and is selling their Harvest Festival buttons. He will be offering some specials on the day of the parade.

No alcohol is offered at this time. There is delivery available for a \$2.00 charge and catering is available. A final plug: Charles Dexter has been a mortgage broker for many years and is now a Realtor with Bridge Realty in case you are interested.



Steve Trimble

Judy's Kitchen, a new soul food restaurant located at 949 Payne Avenue, St. Paul.

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