

Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"



Kari Westby



Steve Trimble

The Sacred Heart Fall Festival included a multitude of colorful costumes worn by dancers, musicians, and other performers such as the man who danced around with a giant portrait of two Mexican heroes as part of his outfit. See another picture on page 4. To fully appreciate these photos check out the online version of the *Forum* at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org where they can be viewed in color.

Community Dinner, Annual Meeting and District 4 Planning Council Election



Join us Wednesday October 18, 2017

The East Side Enterprise Center

804 Margaret Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Food and beverages served

Dinner at 5:30 pm

Open Voting 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Program begins 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Roger Tetu Award - 7 pm

Election Results - 7:15 pm

Your VOTE Counts!!!

Elections are the foundation of our democracy, yet many people don't believe their vote really counts. This year is critical to our community and our nation. Our community takes pride in our local election right here in Dayton's Bluff! You may cast your vote at the Council offices (804 Margaret St.) for one full week prior to the meeting (beginning October 12th).

The role of St. Paul's 17 district councils is to ensure community participation in St. Paul's planning and decision-making processes. Community participation facilitates effective, informed and representative participation of residents in influencing and leading local initiatives that advance equity and enhance quality of life. District Councils provide a channel for communication with elected officials and give voice to community concerns and ideas that will improve outcomes for all residents.

The Community Council Board is elected by the community and works to strengthen local leadership around issues that matter to families and children, individuals and business owners, workers and activists. Now more than ever, community voice is the essential ingredient for positive change in the community. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council brings people together to build a coalition of leaders who influence political decisions and focus resources to resolve local issues and build on community assets.

You may want to be a candidate and increase your community connections and influence, or you can campaign and vote for your favorite candidates. Candidate Applications and more information are available at: www.daytonsbuff.org or by calling 651-772-2075 or contacting melinna@daytonsbuff.org.

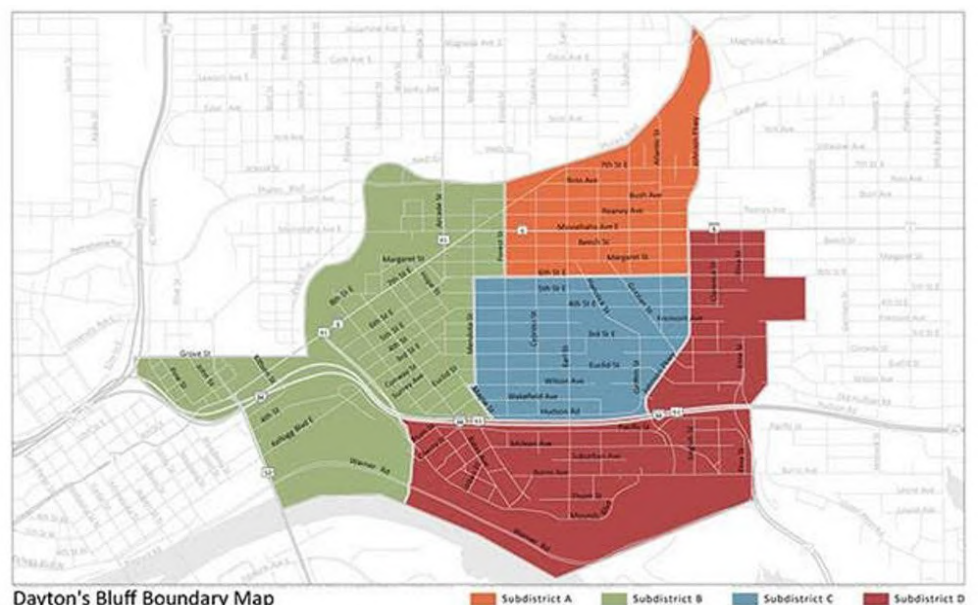
Eligible voters are persons (16 years and older) who reside, own property or operate a business within District 4. Ten sub-district positions and one "at-large" representative will be elected this year.

The Council is made up of 4 sub-districts with two representatives elected each year (serving two year terms). You must be a resident of the sub-district to run for a seat on the Community Council.

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Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the **second Saturday** of most months, the Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at **10:30 a.m.** **The next hike will be on Saturday, October 14.** The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

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 **Thursday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m.** **Please note that meetings are now on Thursday.** 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 October 10, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7th Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email daytons-bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul 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, October 18, 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.

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 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 your family.

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. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on **Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



Saturday, October 7: Volunteer day at the Mounds. There are walls and floors to paint black, carpets to clean and a sewing project to work on. Wear old clothes and lend a hand. **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** And it is completely FREE!

Wednesdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25: *Free Community Dinner* presented by Faith to the Nations. **6:30 p.m.**

October 14-29, weekends: The return of *Real Haunted Tours*. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our residential spirits. Stairs, darkness, and paranormal company is included. See our website for more information and to purchase tickets.

Visit moundstheatre.org for information on upcoming events as it becomes available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicismoundstheatre@gmail.com.

October at the Dayton's Bluff Library

The following events will be held at the Dayton's Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul:

Wednesday October 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., *Dayton's Bluff Book Club*. Books and a light dinner are provided at no charge.

Monday, October 9, All day - Library closed for staff training.

On **Tuesdays in October, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.,** *Open Lab and Job Search*. Get one-on-one computer help and job searching assistance. And from **11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.,** *Baby Storytime*, geared to children ages birth through two years.

On **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** in October, from **4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.,** Dayton's Bluff Library will offer *Snack in the Zone*, along with *Homework Help in the Zone* from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

On **Thursdays in October, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,** *Storytime in English*. Join us for stories, rhymes and songs, while building a foundation for your child's reading success.

On **Saturdays in October, from noon to 2:00 p.m.,** *Maker Space in the FunZONE!* Play computer games like Minecraft, and enjoy other hands-on fun in the Zone.

Thursday, October 19, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., *Stay Play MEA: Young Dance*. Fun activities at the library during MEA break for kids. Dancers of all ages and abilities can learn to build body and spirit.

Teen Read Month: Teen Activities to Read Down Fines!

Friday October 13, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., *Teen Read/Do Down*

Friday October 20, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., *Speed Dating for Books*

Friday October 27, 3:00 p.m. to

5:00 p.m., *Break Your Writer's Block.*

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.

October at the East Side Freedom Library

Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m., the ESFL invites you to enjoy a free screening of the film *Plutocracy II: Solidarity Forever*. Last month, *Plutocracy I: Divide and Conquer* demonstrated the power that the government and employers found in late 19th and early 20th century America in breaking unions and defeating workers' struggles through manipulating race, ethnicity, and nationality. This second film highlights those struggles and campaigns where workers were able to overcome these divisions, build organizations and power, and markedly improve their lives.

Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., *SHHH! Sing Harmony, Hungry Hearts!* We will gather together to use our voices to sing our truth, practice the act of welcoming others, and adapting to the needs of all present. The voice you speak with is enough! This is not a performance. You don't need to know any songs

Saturday, October 7, at 10:30 a.m., *Kids Rising Story Hour*. Agitate the next generation of leaders by engaging them in stories more meaningful than the ones they might typically encounter at story time – stories with social justice messages that are intentionally inclusive of writers and themes from diverse and under-represented communities.

Saturday, October 7, Oral History Conference: Walking Tour, Roundtable & Celebration. See article on page 7 for more details.

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15, St. Paul Art Crawl. The East Side Freedom Library features artists whose work engages our mission to inspire solidarity, advocate for justice, and work for equity for all: Cassandra Nickell, Claire O'Connor, John Matsunaga, Angie Renee, Chris Singewald, Sue Swanson, and Karen Weavers.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1105 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email info@eastside-freedomlibrary.org, or visit eastside-freedomlibrary.org for details on these and other upcoming events as they become available.

Business Classes

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in **April 2018**. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Classes last eight weeks and include 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.

Some examples of businesses started by people who have taken this course include graphics, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, and exterior and interior painting.

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 for an application.

Urban Roots Fall Event

Urban Roots is excited to announce our annual Fall event! Join us on **Thursday, October 12th** at the Harriet Island Pavilion from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** to celebrate our 20th year on the East Side. Urban Roots connects communities and cultivates possibilities through food, nature, and opportunity-- and we can't wait to celebrate our mission with you. Join the Urban Roots staff and amazing youth interns in toasting our work and the season's abundance.

The evening will include: Dinner from Chowgirls Killer Catering featuring Urban Roots produce, Sweet Treats from Keikeu Cakes, drinks including beer from Bang Brewing, emcee Eddie Wu of Cook St. Paul, musical guests, and live and silent auctions

Here are a few of our favorite live auction offerings at our annual party this year: Tasting party for 10 from Chocolate Celeste, Outfitted Boundary Waters Adventure from Ely Outfitting Company, Chefs Dinner for two at Meritage, and Dinner with *Star Tribune* food critic Rick Nelson

Proceeds of this event go to support our ongoing programming for our wonderful youth interns.

Tickets are \$75 (Individual) or \$525 (Table for eight). Visit urbanrootsmn.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 29, in Swede Hollow Park.

For more information call Karin Dupaul at 651-776-0550.

Cambric Parking Lot Sale

On **Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,** The Cambric Senior Housing at 720 East 7th Street invites neighbors to their first parking lot sale. Many senior residents are downsizing household goods. Others offer crafts, baked goods, and special one-of-a-kind items found only at The Cambric! Parking is suggested on Bates Avenue. No early-bird presales! Cash only.

Art Crawl on the East Side

The St. Paul Art Crawl began in downtown in 1977 and over the years has expanded to other parts of the city. Locations on the East Side this year are:

Flat Earth Brewing (688 Minnehaha Ave. E.), J.A. Geiger Studio (1647 Beech St.), Indigenous Roots Cultural Center (788 E. 7th St.), and East Side Freedom Library (1105 Greenbrier St.) The Art Crawl starts on **Friday Oct. 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. and continues on Saturday Oct. 14 from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15 from noon to 5 p.m.** You can start your tour at any site.

Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736

Pastor Jay Jeong

www.moundsparkumc.org Find Mounds Park UMC on Facebook!

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a multicultural neighborhood congregation in Dayton's Bluff. Sunday worship begins at **10:30 a.m.** every Sunday!

Sunday School EVERY SUNDAY! 9:15 a.m., Intergenerational Class. Follows the Adult Studies Curriculum and has a participating age range of 80+ years! Everyone is welcome!

Preschool & Infant Class meets in the Nursery at **10:45 a.m.** following Kid's Time. The Nursery is available at **10:20 a.m.** for children who prefer not to start in Worship. Children's Sunday School Class meets upstairs in the Sunday School room following Kid's Time in Worship.

McVay Programming at Mounds Park UMC: After school programming for our area youth, sponsored by McVay Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades 5-12. It is held at Mounds Park UMC **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from **3:30-6:00 p.m.** during the school year. They offer homework help, environmental classes, Girl Scouts, field trips and support in learning English. Contact Jane Krentz (612-581-6978) for more information!

Every Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. – *Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) Support Group Meetings.* PAL is a place where parents with a child addicted to drugs and/or alcohol can find hope in a support group. Founded in 2006 by Michael Speakman, LISAC, PAL has recently become incorporated as a Christian run non-profit. PAL meetings are open to anyone of any faith or background, as the primary goal is to provide hope through education and support for parents dealing with addicted loved ones. Meetings are led by a trained facilitator. This is an open group, to persons 18 years and older. Stop by any Tuesday, ring the doorbell on the Euclid Entrance, and you'll be welcomed in!

Wednesday, October 25 – 12:00 Noon – *Community Friendship Gathering Meal and Programming.* Join us the last Wednesday of every month for a hot meal and entertainment provided by Mounds Park UMC. We begin with a hot lunch, served at 12:00 noon. The programming follows around 12:45 p.m. The menu will be Brats with Sauerkraut or Apricot Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls and Dessert. The program will be *The Golden Melody Makers* directed by Mary Livingston. Reservations are due to the church office (651-774-8736) no later than the Monday before Friendship Gathering! We can't wait to greet you there!

Halloween Party, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 31 – *Community Halloween Party and dinner at the church, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.* Come dressed in your Halloween costume! While you are out trick or treating, stop in at the church for a safe and dry place to warm up. There will be free dinner for all, games to play that earn candy prizes, and a warm place to meet new friends and neighbors. There will also be an opportunity to get your child's picture taken in their Halloween Costume. All are invited.



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Mississippi Market Awarded National Retailer of the Year Award

Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op has been awarded the New Hope Network 2017 Retailer of the Year award in the category of Standout Health Food/Supplement Store. The award was announced by Natural Foods Merchandiser in Baltimore, Maryland on Friday, September 15 during Natural Products Expo East, the country's largest natural and organic products trade show. This award recognizes creative retailers throughout the country representing natural and organic industry values in four categories, including Creative New Store/Remodel, Best Community Project, Inspiring Retail Woman, and Standout Health Food/Supplement Store. "We're honored to receive this prestigious award highlighting our continued work of providing access to fresh, locally-produced, healthful food and wellness items at fair prices for our St. Paul community," states Mississippi Market General Manager Gail Graham.

New Hope Network notes: "Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op opened in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1979 with the goal of providing healthy, unprocessed food for the neighborhood. Today, that mission is met with three retail locations, along with myriad programs and initiatives that support local producers and enable shoppers of all incomes to access the foods and informa-

tion needed to live a healthy lifestyle. At Mississippi Market, access is king."

Mississippi Market is proud to offer strong community, producer, and shopper support through a number of unique offerings as noted by the award:

Community Support

Our education programming offers a wide range of classes on health and wellness topics from healthy cooking to food preservation to edible gardening.

Producer Support

We source nearly half of our purchases from local farms and locally-owned businesses.

Shopper Support

At Mississippi Market, income is not a barrier to healthful living. Our Limited Income Membership Entry (LIME) program offers reduced membership investment for qualifying customers enrolled in financial assistance programs. LIME members also receive a 10 percent discount on all of their purchases.

Our Co+op Basics program offers a wide variety of healthy staples at low price and includes recipes that feed a family of four for under \$10.

Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op has been offering local, organic food at a fair price to our St. Paul neighbors for nearly 40 years. As a consumer-owned grocery store, Mississippi Market provides high-quality, fair-priced goods and services, and works toward a sustainable local economy and global environment. With three stores located in St. Paul, including one in Dayton's Bluff at 740 E. 7th St., Mississippi Market creates positive change in the community by influencing the production, distribution, and enjoyment of food.

The East Side Enterprise Center
Save THE DATE for our 3-year Anniversary!!
 Celebrate our Accomplishments!
Friday, November 17, 2017
3-6 p.m. at East Side Enterprise Center, 804 Margaret St.
 For more information contact Melinna at melinna@daytonsbuff.org

Elder Café

October 12, 2017
 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 463 Maria Avenue
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Call (651) 683-2326 to make a reservation* or to request a free ride!

Admission is **free** for seniors 60 and over in the Dayton's Bluff, Payne-Phalen, and Conway Battle Creek neighborhoods.

East Side Elders All other guests are invited to make a suggested donation of \$10.00
 This event is a partnership between East Side Elders and the First Lutheran Church, Dayton's Bluff

*We cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation.

Why should East Siders care about the Ford Plan?

Jane Prince
Ward 7 City Council

Remember 3M? Along with its corporate HQ, 3M on East 7th Street was a major employer on 45 acres in the heart of our neighborhood. Strategically located near downtown Saint Paul, adjacent to the Phalen commercial corridor, less than a mile from a major university and in the midst of one of the city's most diverse workforces, 3M closed and placed the site on the market around 2010.

The City's response? After suggesting Ramsey County Corrections relocate its probation operations there, the City passed on any meaningful planning process and stepped aside to let the Saint Paul Port Authority buy the site for eventual and indeterminate light industrial development. To date, development of actual jobs has lagged at the site, but we remain hopeful for the future.

By contrast, around 2007 Ford Motor Company, a major employer on 130 acres in Highland Park, *hinted* that it might be leaving Saint Paul. At the speed of light, the City sprung into action and convened a community task force, launched a multi-faceted planning process, and committed vast staff resources over the past 10 years to plan for a profitable future there.

The Ford Plan before the City Council as of this writing, lays out and rezones the site for a mixed use urban village including thousands of housing units, commercial and retail development – along with a preliminarily approved \$275 million Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District, which will again focus *all* of the City's economic development resources for the next two decades.

Why do I compare these two stories? Because when a similarly unparalleled opportunity for a new mixed use urban village opened up in our neighborhood – albeit with less but ample acreage - the City took a pass. And our wonderfully diverse East Side neighborhood missed becoming the focus for development of much needed workforce housing, jobs and tax base on the 3M site.

So that's all water under the bridge. By the time you read this, I likely will have taken a very important vote on the Ford Plan. When I vote, I can't just think about whether it is right for Highland Park or Ward 3. It is my job to focus on what's right for Ward 7 and the whole city.

When I think about Ford from a citywide perspective, I am concerned, as the above example shows, that the City of Saint Paul is putting all of its eggs in one basket. I hear comments like, "This is our greatest opportunity to solve the city's tax base problem!" "Four thousand housing units will go a long way toward addressing the city's rental and affordable housing shortages."

But Ford is located in a remote corner of the city, nowhere near the core, in Highland Park, where the tax base is strong, most residents have jobs, and the property values are soaring. In fact, taxpayers west of Snelling already pay the highest property taxes in the city. And their ever-increasing property tax payments still don't make up for the need for jobs, housing and tax base citywide – especially in areas where concentrated poverty is expanding like the North End and the East Side.

To add to the conundrum, many Highland Park neighbors aren't satisfied with the Ford Plan. About 700 Highland households are displaying lawn signs in opposition to it. They're concerned about overcrowding, too little green space, too little connection to the river and too little analysis of traffic impacts on what is presently among the city's the most prosperous and successful neighborhoods.

Having weighed the plan and citywide impacts, I believe we could scale Ford housing and commercial development in a way that allows Highland Park and

the larger community to take advantage of the once in a lifetime chance to expand green and open space and our connection to the national park known as the Mississippi Natural River and Recreation Area.

This was not my idea. It is fully explored in a 2011 study that was part of the Ford planning process entitled "Ford Open Space Guidelines." In that plan, the City committed to balance open space ideals with redevelopment and to expand green space atop the river bluff. This study lays out potential financing for open space options – and commits to maintaining the Highland Little League baseball fields, among the neighborhood's greatest and most enduring traditions.

Since joining the city council, I have been troubled by the absence of a citywide economic development strategy. Over the past three years, two sports stadiums and the Palace Theater have been the major focus of the city's economic development efforts, despite the fact that these projects neither pay taxes nor create living wage jobs.

Meanwhile in Dayton's Bluff in September, we lost a prospective new employer who wanted to bring professional and service jobs to the Hamm's Brewery, because the City didn't have the time or resources to keep the project moving forward. Without TIF or other financial resources, City staff told me their hands were tied to move any more quickly at Hamm's.

Are our hands tied at Suburban Avenue and Sun Ray along the proposed Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit coming in the early 2020s? What about Hillcrest Golf Course on the northeast East Side, expected to come on the market soon? As with 3M, will the City be too busy with Ford to help us plan for 110 acres of prime real estate there? I sure hope not.

How I vote on the Ford Plan is unlikely to change the current City perspective that it makes sense to commit to that plan. But is it reasonable for us to rely on the wealthiest neighborhoods of our city to pay even more property taxes to carry the rest of us?

I don't think so. I would wager that a more balanced Ford Plan would allow for a more balanced city-wide economic development strategy that will make our whole city stronger.

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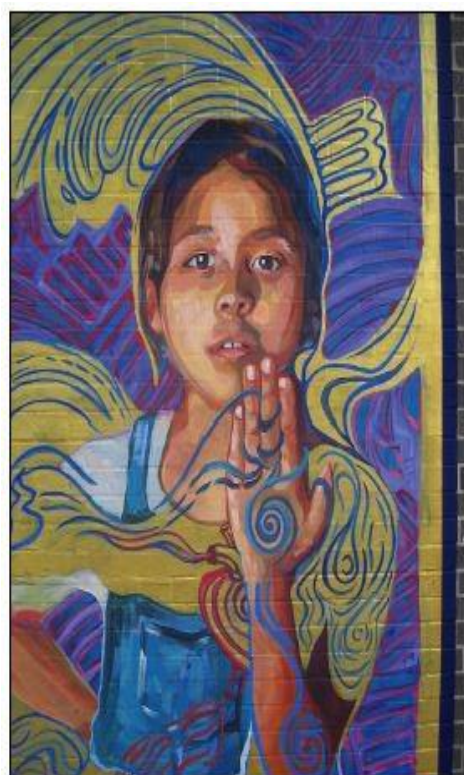
Kari Westby

This was the featured local group Banda Ezcandaloza de Michoacan that played at the Sacred Heart Fall Festival in September.

Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured at right for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the November edition of the *Forum*.

If this month's photo looks familiar, it is. We are running the same photo as we did last month. Due to a change in the *Forum's* email address, any guesses sent in last month may have disappeared into a black hole in cyberspace. So if you did submit a guess last month, please resubmit. If not, walk around our neighborhood and try to locate this mural (hint, hint).



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Judy Lee

Minnesota ignores the cyber security threat at our peril

Rep. Sheldon Johnson (DFL -Saint Paul)

Minnesotans know how vital their cyber security is. Surely Minnesotans know they can do a lot to protect their data, how to avoid phishing scams, and to take measures to watch if someone opens a fraudulent account in their name. Most Minnesotans may not realize it, but state government also plays an important role when it comes to protecting your private information. Each and every day our state's computer systems come under attack—an astonishing three million times a day—by hackers intent on stealing your data and compromising state computers. This year, Republicans in the legislature dropped the ball and stopped taking that threat seriously. In a repeat of 2016, they completely ignored funding vital upgrades to our cyber security and IT infrastructure.

Whenever a business, local government, individual or group interacts with state government there's often sensitive information involved. Those include things such as names, addresses, social security numbers, credit card numbers, and bank account numbers. While the state does a lot to make sure sensitive information isn't retained if it doesn't need to be, it has an important duty to make sure what it retains is protected. This isn't just a hypothetical either. In South Carolina it took just one email for hackers to access 3.8 million Social Security numbers. Our own Major General Richard C. Nash of the Minnesota National Guard testified that what kept him up at night was "a future devastating cyber incident" that targeted not just data, but our critical infrastructure such as "our power grid, transportation, health systems" and other vital infrastructure.

To be frank, some of the state's computer systems and security measures are outdated. There are dedicated public servants working around the clock to keep your data safe and the vital func-

tions of government running, but they need tools that meet the threat today's hackers pose. That's why Governor Dayton requested \$27 million, which is 0.0001% of the state budget, to bring our state's computers and IT infrastructure up to date.

Instead of funding that request, with a \$1.65 billion surplus, the priority for legislative Republicans was not your data or personal information, it was more than a billion dollars in giveaways to insurance companies and tax breaks for the rich, well-connected, and big tobacco. What's worse is they even removed provisions stopping Verizon, AT&T, Comcast and others from selling your private data to the highest bidder. Consider that fact for a moment. Not only is the security of your data *not* a priority for legislative Republicans, allowing giant telecommunications companies to sell your browsing history is the priority. That's simply mind boggling to the average Minnesotan.

Minnesotans value the important role government plays in many areas, such as education and keeping our waters clean and air breathable. We also don't think much about it, but we expect government to do the basic things it's supposed to do, such as keeping our sensitive information safe and protecting our privacy. Abandoning those values isn't what the people who voted for us wanted us to do; it's what the corporate special interests wanted. We must demand that the people of Minnesota are put first, that we uphold our values, and not allow politicians to sell us out for the big business who donate to their campaigns.

Sheldon Johnson (DFL-Saint Paul) is the DFL- Lead on the State Government Finance Committee and the former chair or member of committees overseeing telecommunications and data practices.



Steve Trimble

Juan Cervantes and his family proudly display jars of Mama C's Salsa made right here in Dayton's Bluff. It will soon be available at all Mississippi Markets.

Mama C's Salsa is made in Dayton's Bluff

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

A salsa named after the late Carmen Cervantes is now ready to tempt your taste buds. The new product, made with natural ingredients and without any preservatives, is being produced by Carmen's son Juan Cervantes who lives on Maria Avenue in our neighborhood. As a child, he said he was one of her "kitchen helpers" and "really took to learning from her." He is now using her recipes and small batch, hand-made processes to make her authentic salsas available to the larger public.

Juan, who grew up on Maria Avenue along with his mother and six other children, is a Harding High graduate and runs an insurance business on the East Side. He explained that he wanted to pay homage his mother's work and examples. He wanted to create a legacy so people would know who she was, and the struggles she had as an immigrant. As a widow she responded to her own situation not by pitying herself but through showing a true entrepreneurial spirit. To make ends meet, she took in laundry, sold crochet work, and cooked and sold tamales and her own homemade salsas.

Juan used to make salsa himself to take to work and people wanted to

taste it. Then they always asked how they could get some which sparked the idea of marketing it to others. It took three years to finally get it off the ground. He had to devise a business plan, deal with city and state regulations and figure out how to produce it.

It started by finding Kitchen on the Bluff, a certified commercial kitchen located at Third and Bates, that lets people rent by the hour to cook.

"It takes about seven hours to make 140 jars by hand," said Juan Cervantes.

Mama C's Salsa comes in eight-ounce bottles and has mild, medium, hot, and extra hot flavors. Because it has no preservatives, you need to refrigerate it after opening and it should last for three weeks.

In October you will be able to find Mama C's Salsa at any of the three Mississippi Markets in St. Paul and Juan is looking for other possible locations. You can also get it at the warehouse at 393 Ruth Street North, Suite 100. You can call ahead at 651-900-2104 and your order will be ready for pick up. There is a web page (www.mamacalsa.com) and a Facebook page that already has several hundred followers. Juan's goal is not to get rich off this venture, but to honor his mother and all she stood for. Each jar features a lovely picture of his mother, Mama C herself.

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Take a Tree Trek!

As they say in Game of Thrones, "Winter is Coming."

A nice fall day in October is a great time to take a stroll in Indian Mounds Park. Cultivate the arborist in you and your family by walking the Indian Mounds Park Tree Trek.

The path visits 31 unique trees, all marked, including a beautiful catalpa, a mighty white oak, and a colorful eastern redbud. If you have children, they are often asked to bring in leaves of different trees for school or the scouts. There is even a map of the Tree Trek that you can download and print if you Google "Indian Mounds Park Tree Trek."

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Opinion: A reply regarding The Cambric

With special thanks to Jane Prince and Sage Holben

*Judy Yaeger-Jones
Special to the Forum*

My family moved into The Cambric the first day, August 5th, 2016. We were allotted one hour to see our new home, previously chosen by availability via a laminated floor diagram. With our cat howling in his carrier held by our 15-year old grandson, moving truck waiting, ahead of family-packed cars of stuff, we signed, unread, the nine page one-year lease.

Adjusting things to the new space took months and is better left to memory.

The lone Gatekeeper was Erika, building manager, representing Dominionium, assisted by Scott, maintenance manager. Scott is not Erika's 'supervisor'. He is the lone maintenance person. Each has individual duties, apart and together.

We all had lots of questions. How does this work? Why doesn't it? There were 20 various workmen still installing appliances, electrical connections, plumbing, windows, and even carpeting. The July 1st completion date had not been met. Workmen would remain through the next few months. We had not been given any handouts of instructions, or written details. It was a mixed bag of adventures resulting in residents' growing frustrations.

Some did not like their apartments

and wanted to move. One resident moved three times! All overseen by Erika. Simple issues became complex. One example: we had arranged with CenturyLink to move our old land line and 15-year old number. Alas, two more months would pass without a working phone, due to fiber optics vs. copper wiring and untrained, multiple techs. Cable was a nightmare. Now most of us use rabbit ears. My internet was never connected.

October came. An election was coming. My neighbor, Marilyn, knew Rep. Sheldon Johnson, as did we. We knew Senator Founq. With Erika's permission, we scheduled a meet and greet for residents. Our elected officials were met by 30-40 angry, irate residents raising building and apartment issues with Dominionium, the building owners. Frankly, it was embarrassing for us and our guest politicians who had nothing to do with The Cambric.

Thus, a series of meetings between residents in private, formally posted with multiple requests to meet with Dominionium reps. Issues of personal safety, special needs residents (yes, we are not assisted living, but tenants came who ultimately could not live independently). We had middle of the night ambulances and fire runs. Police responses were slow (police now had 113 new residents in their area). Issues with dogs, illegal cats and allergies to, smoking in a no-smoking building. Some obvious illegal drug use and abuse, break-ins, alleged assaults, thefts, and a number of people, NON-residents, roaming and sleeping in the building; poor lighting in the garage, which had been advertised as a \$50 per month rental became \$75 after we moved in.

A MAJOR issue was and is JIT. Why are we paying JIT a ten dollar 'fee' and nine dollars more to Xcel for a minimal Xcel bill about three? The first JIT bills took three months to come, now hundreds

of dollars. JIT has no budget plan. We still do not trust JIT. But, if you live at The Cambric, you deal with JIT.

Through political activities, I have known Jane Prince, our Councilperson. And I am proud to say I've known Sage Holben, a retired Metro State librarian, artist, writer, and community activist as well. Sage had the first Little Free Library in the East Side, and advocates for young children and restless teens who lack playground areas to keep busy and out of trouble. Her honors and awards match her activism. She and many area residents volunteered and sat through multiple meetings with Dominionium officials as Dominionium required community support for tax funding. Would this large complex be an asset to the area? Neighbors bordering The Cambric had justifiable concerns. The permit and process took many months and meetings.

Jane Prince's office received multiple calls from Cambric tenants, as did Sage and others. Jane made time to come and see some of the issues and problems. Through her advocacy, a meeting was held with live JIT execs and with Dominionium reps. Finally, we were getting some answers, whether we liked them or not. We were at least being heard. Forty plus residents were in attendance when Jane facilitated a several hours long emotional and frustrating discussion.

Dominium is a successful developer. It is not a nonprofit, nor is it a slum landlord. It wants the building to succeed. We residents want it to be a positive place to live our lives affordable. Market rate rentals for seniors are scarce.

We do disagree as to what you declare is no one's business about perpetual overnight visitors, grandchildren who roam the halls and race across wood floors are OUR business. Boyfriends and their buddies who party till 2 a.m. are OUR business. Ten and twenty complaints of visitors who are not respectful

or quiet must be documented in writing. Time of occurrence, licence plate, if possible, description beyond dark clothing. Some tenants feel that nothing is done. Some fear retaliation in gossip. Gossip is rampant here and has been addressed in multiple newsletters. The authors of the critical of Sage letter should recall their own recent reality. You're mistaken about the newsletters being false or taken out of context. If you had copies of all the correspondence, you would see that perhaps facts were exactly as Sage had quoted. The point is, we need better communication! And Sage and Jane and the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* have helped provide it! We all wish Dominionium had responded earlier.

I consider the history of the hows and whys of the residents' protests and take full responsibility for my opinions, memories of, and accolades for Jane, Sage, and for Erika, for sticking with all this. 'Nuf said.

We are glad you are 'grateful' for your apartment. But it is not free. We pay market rate rent (which went up \$51 and \$62, after ONLY eight months of a one-year lease. Other HUD complexes did not receive similar increases. We lost a number of good neighbors because rents were not what they could afford after being admitted. We were, and are, not 'a small number of disgruntled few'. We continue to face frequent power outages and have faced several days of only lukewarm water, not hot.

The history of early residents' concerns may not have been known to you, a newer resident. But your 'attack the messenger' is not helpful. We do hope you included a donation to the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* with your letter. We will add one with ours.

P.S. After the recent towing misunderstanding, you may have joined in our concerns.

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Dayton's Bluff problems a century ago

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

So what was life like in Dayton's Bluff a century or so ago? Many of the issues that people cared about are still important today—a concern for safety and a demand that governments provide community amenities.

Since we recently had our Neighborhood National Night Out, a look at crime concerns may be the place to start. A 1917 issue of the *Leader* had a lengthy article and comment that was spurred by the “arrest of two more boys” from the East Side. They were said to be “part of a gang that had robbed small stores and saloons in a systematic manner.” Was there an epidemic of lawlessness? “Almost every week one gang of young rough-necks or another from this section of the city is taken to the county attorney’s office or police court for a hearing,” the paper lamented. What was to be done? “They are fearless”, the article stated, “these boys who want to be ‘tough guys.’” Rather than just call for punishment, the weekly wanted the cause of the disorder to be examined. Maybe we can take a hint from them and put a little more effort into prevention. So what was behind it all?

The answer for many was their choice of hang outs! “Have you ever watched where they go?” the paper asked. “Invariably to a pool hall.” Policy makers today love to mention statistics—nothing new. “Statistics show that the majority of crime committed by men under twenty five years of age is due directly to pool hall experiences,” the reporter said, without revealing his sources. There were too many pool halls with too much gambling in them, the *Leader* suggested. “Close up about half of them” and

things would get better. “While it is distasteful to have to do anything like that in a small community like East St. Paul, every district there must put a stop limit on the wave of juvenile crime committed here.” So now that there are no more pool halls in the community has juvenile crime disappeared?

Is it my imagination or does it seem that we have more than our share of drivers who rapidly roar down our residential streets? It appears it may be part of the area’s heritage. The *East Side Journal* of October 16, 1924 covered a big meeting that almost filled the Odd Fellows Hall, once located at East 7th and Reaney. It was headed by the Dayton’s Bluff Property Owners Association, a group that was formed to fight for area improvements. They had often confronted safety issues and had a growing concern with public safety as more and more people bought cars. The meeting concluded that everyone needed to help “in an effort to eliminate the automobile speeder from the streets.” Like the block club efforts of today, police then stressed the “necessity of citizens cooperating” and turning in violators. Today’s block clubs are told to use their powers of observation to help stop crime.

It was no different seventy years ago when an 11-year-old girl helped solve the robbery of the C.J. Rudeen Grocery at 1121 E. Minnehaha. Loretta Pulver of 1111 Fauquier (today’s Bush Street) was walking by the store and saw the robbers leave. The girl took note of the license plate and gave the number to the police when they arrived. The officers soon apprehended nineteen-year old Robert Conklin as he parked in front of 917 Euclid. He professed his innocence (what else is new?) but two guns were found in the car. His accomplice, 17-year-old Leonard Carlson of 997 Euclid, was later arrested downtown.

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East Side Freedom Library walking tour

Please join us for a special event with the Oral History Association (OHA) conference on Saturday, October 7 at the East Side Freedom Library. The annual OHA meeting brings together a wide array of people. Students as well as emerging and established educators and researchers connect with colleagues and gain new skills. Highlighting “the best work in the field,” the theme for 2017 is *Engaging Audiences: Oral History and the Public*. Our particular event will be free and open to all and will feature a walking tour, labor film discussion, and celebration of leadership in social justice.

1:00 pm: Participants in the walking tour meet at the Freedom Library

1:30 – 3:00 pm: “Immigration Then and Now” Walking Tour. We will travel to Swede Hollow to explore its role as the first site of settlements in the 1850s. Focusing on Payne Avenue, we’ll consider its role as a center of immigrant life from the European immigrants of the 19th century, to the Hmong, Mexican, and Salvadoran immigrants of the late 20th and early

21st centuries. We will walk approximately 2 miles.

3:00 - 4:30 pm: “Recording on the Frontlines of Labor’s Renewal” Roundtable. This will involve the screening of an in-progress documentary about CTUL — Centro de Trajadores Unidos en Lucha — which is being made by the University of Minnesota’s Labor Education Service, followed by a panel discussion with filmmakers and CTUL activists.

5:00 – 6:30 pm Reception Honoring the Lifework of Staughton and Alice Lynd. Alice and Staughton Lynd have done pioneering work in oral history, struggles for racial justice, and labor history, from the Freedom Schools of Mississippi in 1964 to death row prisoners fighting for their freedom in Ohio in the early 2000s. Among other projects, they have been the editors of RANK AND FILE and THE NEW RANK AND FILE, books in which labor activists have told their stories.

These events are free and open to All. East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106. info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org and 651-230-3294.

National Night Out with the Archbishop



Greg Cosimini

Archbishop Bernard Hebda (left) and Dayton's Bluff resident Bill Whelan at the Archdiocese's NNO event at the old 3M headquarters building, now home to the Archdiocese.

Hams at Indian Mounds Park



Greg Cosimini

On Sept. 9 the South East Metro Amateur Radio Club from Cottage Grove held an event at Indian Mounds Park at the foot of the Airway Beacon. A concrete navigation arrow in Cottage Grove points to the Airway Beacon, the last of both in Minnesota. They were part of a system that guided airplanes from Chicago to St. Paul in the days before radio navigation.

Letter to the Editor

Forum Editor:

We've enjoyed Steve Trimble's informative journey through the East Side area's growing variety of dining options, but I have to respond to his recent visit to our Asian buffet favorite, Ho Ho Gourmet at 1985 Old Hudson Road.

Reading the review was confusing to us long time diners. The lunch buffet and the higher-priced evening buffet both feature their world-famous chicken wings. Every potluck we've taken them to brings raves and new buffet customers!

I held my 76th birthday luncheon there and the 14 guests loved the venue, especially the sweet and sour chicken –

a buffet staple – alongside their ginger marinated boneless pork spareribs. Ho Ho is constantly refilling and cleaning its buffet area. The staff is largely Asian and always helpful, however they do not serve coffee, to my husband's chagrin.

The take-out menu is extensive. I wish they delivered, since we moved to Swede Hollow. We've never missed the vanilla custard (Culver's is just half a block away). The warm sugar donuts, almond cookies, and fruit fulfill any dessert need.

We will look forward to a chance to taste your guest's Sweet Science brand ice cream. Perhaps a future Swede Hollow opening?

Judy Yaeger Jones

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Have Forum, will travel...



Dave Gagne shows off his Forum in Colorado at Brainard Lake on Peak to Peak Highway in the Roosevelt National Forest, with the Indian Peak Wilderness in the background.

Several readers send us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you'd like to do the same, please email photos to daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble set out to eat 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 daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.



through the war in Da Nang, hiding from bombs and bullets. They moved to Saigon before coming to the United States.

They have lunch specials and some chef specials such as Hunan Beef, Mongolian Beef, and Kung Pao Shrimp. I had General Tso's Chicken which was served on a bed of broccoli and topped with green onions. A side dish of white

rice was included.

There were large portions, so I had my next day's lunch to take home.

Ms Nguyen was interested as to why I chose the dish I did. I told her I had it once in Japan and wanted to try it out here. She

asked because most of her customers order Pho, which may explain why there is a blazing green neon sign saying "Pho" in the window. She insisted that I at least try a small bowl of beef Pho so I did.

One interesting menu item that caught my eye was Bun Thit Heo Nuong, a grilled pork salad. There is no beer or wine but they serve Vietnamese iced coffee and condensed milk and feature Boba teas.

It was somewhat busy that night. There was a diverse group of customers, some eating in, others taking out. There is delivery with a \$20.00 minimum and a \$2.00 extra cost. I'm not sure of the delivery area, but they say it takes 30 – 45 minutes.

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Even though the printed menu says "Authentic Vietnamese Food," there is also a good selection of Chinese cuisine.

Saigon Express has been open for around seven years. It looks small from the outside, but because of the building's depth it is sizable. There were seven tables for two and six larger ones for family groups. Chi Nguyen who was from Vietnam and lived

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