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"The Voice of the Community"



Karin DuPaul

Marilyn McGriff, Dayton's Bluff resident and author of the Scandinavian mystery novel set in Minnesota, *Caught in the Lye*, plays her nyckelharpa (a traditional Swedish instrument) at last year's CABARET!

East Side's Got Talent: Don't miss the CABARET!

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

The 6th Annual CABARET! will take place on **Friday, February 2**, at the Historic Mounds Theatre (1029 Hudson Road). **Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show begins at 7:30 p.m.**

More East Side talent is needed - singers, musicians, comedians, and dancers for this celebration of talent with East Side roots. If you or someone you know would like to entertain at the CABARET, sign up at www.artinthehollow.com or call Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550.

The evening will include a silent auction of original art, a cash bar, and food catered

by family-owned Yarusso Bros., an authentic Italian Restaurant with deep roots on the East Side.

CABARET! tickets are only \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Get your tickets now and put the CABARET! on your calendar! The theatre will come alive with an amazing variety of acts. Reserve your tickets now online at www.moundstheatre.org or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550 or karindupaul@comcast.net for more information. Don't miss it!

The CABARET! is a fundraiser for the 9th Annual Art in the Hollow, an art festival in Swede Hollow Park on Saturday, June 2, 2018. The CABARET! and Art in the Hollow are projects of Friends of Swede Hollow, a nonprofit organization that works to restore and protect the park, celebrate Swede Hollow history, and hold events honoring the park and the neighborhood.

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Metro Gold Line will impact Earl-Hudson business district

Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

Design details of the Metro Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project are still to be determined but major decisions have been made as to the route it will follow.

In general, the Gold Line will connect the Green Line Light Rail system in downtown St. Paul to Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury via a nine mile pair of primarily exclusive bus-only lanes. These lanes will be built on the north side of Interstate 94, outside of the sound wall. There will be 10 new stations on the Gold Line and three park-and-ride lots.

The Gold Line BRT will enter and exit downtown on the Third St. Bridge and then pass through Dayton's Bluff along Hudson Road. Stations will be located at Mounds Boulevard, Earl St. and Etna St. The connections on each end of Hudson Road are still sketchy but a draft plan for the Earl-Hudson area has been completed.

As of now, the plan is to have five lanes between Forest and Frank Streets which include two bus-only lanes, two parking lanes, and a single one-way westbound ve-

hicular traffic lane. A split bus station will be built on the southeast and southwest corners of the Earl-Hudson intersection. A traffic light will replace the four-way stop now located at that intersection.

That corner, along with the stations at Mounds Blvd. and Etna St., have been earmarked as locations for potential Bus Rapid Transit-Oriented Development (BRTOD).

BRTOD is defined as "a type of development approximately 1/2 mile around stations that includes a mix of housing, office, retail, or other amenities within a walkable and bike-friendly neighborhood." The two business areas located east and west of Earl Street on Hudson Road have been designated Potential Opportunity Sites that could be considered for future development or redevelopment within the designated Primary Transit-Oriented Development zone. What that means for existing homes and businesses hasn't been explained.

Based on the Gold Line's current timeline, Project Development will continue in 2018 and 2019, followed by Engineering Design in 2020 and 2021, leading to construction beginning in 2022 with Gold Line service starting in 2024.

For more information and updates regarding the Gold Line BRT project, go to <https://www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project>.

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An open letter to community members from Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Jeanelle Foster
Chair, Sub-district A
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Greetings from your Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC); we hope that the New Year has brought you joy, love, and peace.

We welcome the New Year and the opportunities it brings. The council is embracing this transition to better serve the community and its partners. We are assembling our resources to be more responsive to community needs and taking advantage of this time to engage the neighborhood in conversations. Come be a part of these round table discussions on **January 26, February 9, and February 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, at the East Side Enterprise Center, 804 Margaret Street.

I wanted to take this opportunity to make a few comments about allegations, information, and future developments happening at the District Council. We have received a variety of comments, questions, and opinions relating to the actions of our executive director and the board of directors. The response by the community has been the cause of much discussion, some anger, as well as questioning. Many of you have been to a board meeting, watched a streamed video and/or have attended one or more of the recent community round tables.

First, we would like to personally acknowledge and apologize for the degree of anger, distress, and mistrust this incident has caused the community; we are working to answer questions and rebuild trust. We would also like to acknowledge that the work the Board is doing is responsible in maintaining programming, building positive partnerships, and including

community voices as we move forward.

Second, Dayton's Bluff is a unique and diverse community; you expect us to respond to a wide variety of situations with thoughtfulness, compassion, respect, and empathy in an equitable way. We want to assure you that every member of our board seeks to achieve these goals.

We must also acknowledge that we are working as fast as possible, as volunteers, to ensure updated and accurate information goes out to community in a variety of ways.

Third, the DBCC is without an executive director as of Friday, December 22, 2017. Contrary to rumors; the District Council has not engaged in work with our previous executive director since this date. She has visited our office after our separation to remove personal possessions and return materials; all with a Board member in attendance. We are forming interim and regular executive director search committees. If you are interested in serving on these searches please feel free to contact me.

We ask for your cooperation in working to maintain and grow our council and our community. We urge you, as new information comes forth, to please reach out to the council to verify the accuracy and validity of the information you are receiving. There have been many false and misleading allegations. We have worked, and continue to work, to maintain normalcy, seek the truth, and move forward.

The DBCC is not perfect and will always be able to learn and improve the way we operate and work for and with the community.

For this to occur, we need you, our community, to let us know how you feel. Please call, email, or stop by to talk to us about this incident and any other concerns and/or ideas you have for the Board.

Jeanelle Foster can be reached at (651) 772-2075 or jeanelle.foster@Daytonsbuff.org.

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Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

There will be no February 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, March 10. 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, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that meetings are now on Thursdays. 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 Wednesday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@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, February 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.

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.



Friday, February 2: *The East Side's Got Talent Cabaret!*. This is the 6th annual "Art in the Hollow" Fundraiser. There will be dancers, singers, musicians, comedians and other zany acts. Featuring DJ Huh?What of WEQY 104.7 FM. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. \$20 of the ticket price is tax-deductible.

Fridays and Saturdays, February 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24: *Fearless Five: Conspiracies*. *Fearless Five* is the annual short play festival produced by Fearless Comedy Productions. We are thrilled to give five writers, five directors, and a multitasking cast the opportunity to work in a group to hone their talents and cultivate new skills. This year's show centers on conspiracy theories. Some of our writers have honored the classics while some have given life to new theories altogether. You bring an open mind and we'll provide the tinfoil cap to keep it safe. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

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; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com.

February at the Dayton's Bluff Library

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

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, in February, 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.

Saturdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 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.

Tuesday, February 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., *Teens Know Best!* Teens have exclusive access to books before they are published. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share opinions and pizza. *Teens Know Best* members are expected to write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted directly to the publishers to help guide their decisions. New members can register at the meeting. Call 651-632-3873 for more information.

New! Check out board games at the library. The Metro State library now has a board game collection available to all. Library visitors can play the games in the library or check them out for two weeks. The full list of games can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/MetroGames> and all are available to the public.

Saint Paul Public Libraries will be closed Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents Day.

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

February at the East Side Freedom Library

Saturday, February 3, at 1:00 p.m., the East Side Freedom Library invites you to view *The Sound of Torture*, an international award-winning, hour-long documentary made in 2013, by an Israeli filmmaker who follows two Eritrean migrants who are seeking safety. Ayantu Tibeso, an Oromo immigrant who left Ethiopia in search of safety, will lead the post-film discussion. Ms. Tibeso is a scholar, educator, and blogger, who has been particularly concerned with the place of Oromo people within Ethiopia and in the diaspora, and the possibilities for solidarity among East Africans of diverse experience.

Thursday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m., join the East Side Freedom Library for a screening of *Mother of George*, a 2013 feature-length dramatic film made by acclaimed Nigerian immigrant filmmaker Andrew Dosunmu. It focuses on a newly-married Nigerian immigrant couple in Brooklyn and their struggles to make sense of their new lives in the U.S. The film stars Danai Gurira, a Zimbabwean-American who graduated from Macalester College and has had a recurring role in the cable TV show, *The Walking Dead*. Ms. Gurira is also a playwright, and her new play, *Familiar*, will be produced at the Guthrie Theatre in March. Cherish Gibson will lead the post-film discussion. Ms. Gibson is a perpetual poet and occasional essayist whose art is grounded in her Liberian-American identity. She was a 2015 Givens Foundation Emerging Writers' Mentor Program fellow and a part of the 2016 Twin Cities *Listen to Your Mother* cast.

Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m., the East Side Freedom Library presents *An Outrage*, a new, award-winning documentary about the history of lynching in the United States. The film-making team of Lance Warren and Hannah Ayers interview scholars and the descendants of victims in their efforts to not merely bring forward a story that has been kept in the shadows, but to help viewers understand the legacy of this violence. Dr. Yohuru Williams, Dean of Liberal Arts at the University of St. Thomas, will lead the post-film discussion along with the filmmakers. Dr. Williams is the author of such praised books as *The Black Panthers: Portraits from an Unfinished Revolution* and *Rethinking the Black Freedom Movement*.

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 as they become available.

Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Classes last eight weeks and include op-

erations 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.

Let your voice be heard!

Contact WEQY 104.7 FM, St. Paul East Side's community reporter Cearah Hamilton of The Eastside Vibe if you have valuable resources you want to get out to the community, would like her to cover your event, or interview your organization! Cearah Hamilton can be reached at cearah@weqy.org.

Celebrate Valentine's Day with your Co-op Community

Mississippi Market Co-op's Annual Chocolate Tasting & Gift Fair will take place on Saturday, February 10, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at any of Mississippi Market's three St. Paul locations.

During this free, family-friendly event, attendees will enjoy artisan chocolates, local and fair-trade gifts, chocolate fondue, raffle prize drawings, kids' crafts, live music, and more!

Customers who spend \$50 or more during the Chocolate Fair will be eligible to receive a free chocolate-themed gift bag, while supplies last.

Come celebrate Valentine's Day at your friendly neighborhood co-op!

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, Mississippi Market creates positive change in the community by influencing the production, distribution, and enjoyment of food. Learn more at msmarket.coop.

Volunteer Opportunity

Are you detail oriented? Do you have experience with data entry? Apply today to help with data entry including entering client information, volunteer hours, and checking previously entered data for accuracy. This is a flexible position - we will work with you to find a 2-4 hour schedule per week that works for you. Contact us at Volunteer@EastSideElders.org or 651-683-2326 with any questions.



MANY CULTURES BUILDING THE FUTURE.

Ramsey County Public Health seeks community input on what influences health and well-being

Chris Burns
Ramsey County Public Health

Ramsey County Public Health wants to know what Ramsey County residents think impacts their health and well-being. The department is seeking community comment through a short online survey available at www.ramseycounty.us/cha.

"We want to hear directly from residents about the things they see as being important to helping individuals, families, and communities stay healthy," said Anne Barry, Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health Director. "We also want to learn what residents see as

getting in the way of their health and well-being."

Insights provided through the survey, along with data from more than 150 health indicators the department is researching, will be used to create the department's new Community Health Assessment – an analysis public health produces every five years which guides planning on health issues throughout the county.

"We have a lot of statistics available on health in our community, but the most important data to us are the lived experiences of our residents and what they see as helping or hurting their health and well-being," said Barry. "Getting residents input is crucial in making sure we identify and understand community needs and to focus the work we do with our partners in improving health and reducing health disparities."

In addition to the online survey, Public Health is also doing in-person surveys at multiple community sites and gatherings. Survey results will be included in the Community Health Assessment which will be available

online later this year. Residents can sign-up at www.ramseycounty.us/cha to receive email notification when the survey results and the Community Health Assessment are available. The assessment will be a guiding document as Public Health works with community partners to develop a new Community Health Improvement Plan, and the department develops a new strategic plan.

"Our past experience is the data and analysis in our Community Health Assessment have also been widely used by city and county staff and policymakers, schools, nonprofits, and the healthcare system to understand health in the county," said Barry.

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health is the local public health department serving Saint Paul and all other Ramsey County cities. The nationally accredited department employs more than 300 people and is one of the largest local public health departments in Minnesota.

Weekly group for parents with a son or daughter battling addiction offers hope through education and support

Robyn Koger Kidd
Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

A new support group is starting in our community at the Mounds Park United Methodist Church, 1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl Street and Euclid Street) meeting each **Tuesday, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The group is open to parents of any faith or background who have a child battling addiction.

According to recent research cited by the National Institute for Drug Abuse, opioid/heroin deaths now exceed annual deaths from car crashes. An article in the New York Times notes, "The rising death rates for those young white adults, ages 25 to 34, make them the first generation since the Vietnam War years of the mid-1960s to experience higher death rates in early adulthood than the generation that preceded it," directly tying this rise to drug overdoses. Also, former President Obama in February, 2016, requested \$1.5 billion in spending to combat the issue of opioid/heroin abuse alone, noting it is an epidemic in our country. And as is commonly reported, the vast majority of those in our

prisons are there in connection with drug or drug related offenses.

Years of working as a substance abuse counselor taught Mike Speakman that overcoming addiction isn't just about treatment for the individual; it takes support from the family as well. "A good example is diabetes," Speakman said. "You didn't cause it, but if your child had it you might want to learn about it so you could help better."

Each PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved ones) meeting, which is designed for parents or spouses of loved ones going through an addiction, begins with a prayer, followed by introductions. The group is then presented with one of nine lessons; which include "Healthy Helping" and "The Four Stages of Growth in Recovery." After some discussion of the lesson, the members of the group give an update about what's going on in their lives and then the meeting ends with prayer. The group is designed for each individual to learn at their own pace. The challenge is that much of the education goes against natural parenting instincts.

Speakman had been offering education for families in single weekend sessions. After years though, he eventually realized the change that needs to occur with drug and alcohol addiction is a long-term change for the entire family. They may learn a lot over a weekend, but repetition and consistency is what will cause the

change. Interestingly, although PAL's focus is on helping the family members, it indirectly seems to help their loved one. Mike notes what he began to see was that, "When the parents got help and started making changes in how they dealt with their sons and daughters, I saw the addicted loved ones eventually seeking help." That's why he began the PAL group. Mike is also the author of *The Four Seasons of Recovery, for Parents of Alcoholics and Addicts*.

The first meeting took place in July of 2006, at the Calvary Addiction Recovery Center, and has since spread across Phoenix, the Arizona Valley, and Tucson. PAL also expanded out of Arizona and currently has meetings in California, Kentucky, Indiana, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, and Washington. The PAL group in Saint Paul, along with another in Rochester, is one of the first two in Minnesota.

Jerry Law, a certified interventionist, says it's important for parents or spouses to find a support group like PAL so that they don't feel so alone. "It's critical," he said. "It's the only way to survive. You feel like, 'What did I do wrong?' You didn't do anything wrong – this is reality."

You can learn more about PAL online at PAL-Group.org.

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 multicultural, intergenerational neighborhood congregation located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. Sunday worship begins at **10:30 a.m.**

February: After school programming for area youth, sponsored by the McVay Youth Partnership of Hamline University is an after school program for community youth grades 5-12, held at Mounds Park UMC on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Students participate in environmental classes, Girl Scouts, field trips, and receive homework help and support in learning English. Contact Jane Krentz 612-581-6978 for more information.

Sundays: Multi-Generational Sunday School Class. Class meets every **Sunday at 9:15 a.m.** in the lounge of the church. This class follows an adult curriculum and has a participant age range of 80 years! Youth start in worship at 10:30 a.m. Following kid's time, children aged 0-4 years go to the staffed nursery, grades K-5 go to the upstairs Sunday School room, and children grades 6-12 go downstairs for classes. Breakfast is served during Sunday School. The nursery is staffed for those children aged 0-4 years who do not want to start in worship. Please call the church with any questions.

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 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. 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!

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: MAJESTIC Buck Family FUNdraiser. Join Mounds Park UMC for a fundraiser benefiting the Buck Family. On December 29, 2017, half of the Buck Family was in a very serious auto accident in Iowa. Eric, Amy, and their children, are very active in and around the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood, which they call home. We will be raising money for their many medical bills following the accident.

Belgian waffles, strawberries, fresh whipped cream, sausages, and pastries will be served (suggested donation: \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 kids aged 4-12, free for kids 0-4) as well as a bake sale, craft sale, and a 32" TV raffle (\$5.00 per ticket or \$20/5 tickets). A free-will donation will also be taken with all proceeds going to the Buck Family. This event will be held at Mounds Park UMC. Any questions can be directed to the church office at 651-774-7836.

Urgent request for volunteers at East Side Learning Center: close the achievement gap

Lauren Johnsen
East Side Learning Center

Did you know that children who don't read at grade level by third grade are four times less likely to graduate high school and only about 36 percent of third graders meet their standardized reading tests in Saint Paul? Our children urgently need you to partner with East Side Learning Center (ESLC) to close the achievement gap. By providing one-on-one literacy tutoring to PreK-3rd grade children who read below grade level, you will build caring relationships with children in our community. Can you imagine a world where all children discover the pride and joy of reading at

grade level by third grade? This is ESLC's vision. As a volunteer tutor at ESLC you will be trained to provide lesson plans written and adapted to each child's needs daily by licensed teachers to ensure our children's reading skills improve—one book, one hour, one lesson at a time. For more information, visit our website at eslcmn.org, call 651-793-7331 or email eslcmn@gmail.com.

East Side Learning Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, provides one-on-one literacy tutoring to more than 320 children four times per week for 30-45 minutes. To date, more than 2,400 students have participated in ESLC tutoring. The mission of *unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading* is supported by members of the community, private and corporate foundations, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), as well as staff and volunteers at five schools. ESLC partners with school teachers to ensure our most at-risk children receive early literacy intervention – at no cost to their families.

Library Asks: Do you really know your presidents?

Emily Ganzel
Dayton's Bluff Public Library

The Dayton's Bluff Public Library will ask some tough questions at its *Puzzles & Games Unplugged* event on Friday, February 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the library, located at 645 East 7th Street, Saint Paul.

For example: Which president's resume included "fashion model" and "Yellow-

stone Park Ranger"?

Answers, and a few prizes, will be handed out, along with snacks and the opportunity to play your favorite board games. Join in to kick off the President's Day weekend!

The Dayton's Bluff library is one of 12 neighborhood branches of the Saint Paul Public Library. The Saint Paul Public Library connects people in Saint Paul with the imperative and the joy of learning through a lifetime. Saint Paul residents can enjoy free access to technology, books, movies, music, classes, and more. Visit us in the neighborhood or online at sppl.org.

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INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



○ DATES

- **SATURDAY, Feb 10**
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, Feb 17**
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, March 6**
4 p.m.-7 p.m.
- **THURSDAY, March 8**
4 p.m.-7 p.m.

○ ELIGIBILITY

- Families making less than \$54,000 in 2017
- People with disabilities
- Senior citizens
- Working students

○ WHAT TO BRING

- Health insurance information including form 1095
- Social Security cards for yourself, your spouse and each of your children
- Any 2017 tax forms or "tax label" postcards received in the mail
- W-2 wage and earnings statements from each employer for the year 2017
- A copy of your 2016 tax return
- Any other information about your 2017 earnings including 1099-G forms stating unemployment
- Insurance or interest (form 1099-INT) or dividend (form 1099-DIV) as applicable
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For more information contact Robert Sausen
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Dayton's Bluff Welcomes the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Mark Gallagher
Associate Editor

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has had a long, rich history of serving the Catholic faithful since about 1850. It was originally started as the Diocese of St. Paul but was renamed the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in 1966 to reflect the growth of the Catholic Church in the region.

On Valentine's Day 2016, the administrative offices of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis moved into a building that had previously been the 3M headquarters at 777 Forest Street in Dayton's Bluff. Roughly 130 employees had been separated into three buildings for a little over 50 years on Cathedral Hill.

"One of the great things with this new building is that we were able to bring our whole staff under one roof," said Archbishop Hebda, the leader of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "There are a lot more synergies here, and there are a lot more interactions here, as well, and we have been able to make this building a hub for some of the Catholic life."

"Now that we're in this building, one of the great blessings is that we have a wonderful hall in the basement that enables us to bring in 100 to 130 people for meetings. So if you come here on Saturday, for example, the building is filled with Spanish speakers preparing for leadership roles in the diocese — so it is wonderful that we have this facility that enables that experience."

The Archdiocese's decision to move was precipitated by their petition for bankruptcy, and part of that process is the sale of assets that are no longer necessary for the ongoing work of the church.

"One of the decisions we made is that we would sell the three buildings that were up near the Cathedral," Hebda said. "We figured those three buildings were in a great neighborhood, had great real estate appeal, and they would have some value to be able to put into the pot, so we could compensate victims who had claims against the Church."

Before Archbishop Hebda came to the Archdiocese, the decision was made to declare bankruptcy. "When I got here as an administrator," Hebda said, "the question

was 'How do we sell the properties, and where do we go?' because we needed a home to be able to continue the work of the Church."

The decision had already been made to lease a building, which would be the best option to keep costs and expenses low. "The Very Reverend Charles Lachowitz," Hebda said "who serves as the Moderator of the Curia and the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, managed a team here and some real estate experts to help us identify some possibilities that would meet our requirements in terms of number of staff and the needs we have for meetings."



Mark Gallagher

Archbishop Bernard Hebda (left) and the Very Reverend Charles Lochowitzer (right) in front of the new administrative building of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.

The Archdiocese looked at other areas in St. Paul and Minneapolis for a building to house their administrative offices. "We were looking for a place where we might be able to have an impact on the neighborhood," Hebda said, "so the fact that this building had been vacant for a long while was something that was appealing to us."

"It was just a shell when we got here, and we were able to work with the Historical Commission to figure out a way in which we would be able to use it. We think it is a wonderful way to repurpose a building that has been part of the history of St. Paul, particularly the East Side of St. Paul. It is a beautiful neighborhood, and we like the vitality of the neighborhood. People from all over the world can go to any one of the stores on East 7th Street, and it's the United Nations."

"The move gave us the opportunity to be part of a neighborhood," Lachowitz said. "You know, the Summit Avenue neighborhood is not necessarily the most interactive neighborhood, but here on the East

Side we have the stores, the shops, the restaurants, and the staff really avails itself of many of the businesses around here — it was a big cultural shift."

"There has been a historic presence of the Catholic Church for 150 years on Cathedral Hill. I have a view of the crown jewel, the Cathedral, right outside my window, but I was thinking, if we did National Night Out there, I don't think we would have Hmong, Latino, African Americans, old time East Siders, and just the diversity that is in this neighborhood, which I think is reflective of the Church."

"Being in this neighborhood," Hebda said, "gives us the opportunity to be in contact with a larger group of people and gives us a great appreciation of the multi-cultural dimension of not only the community but our own church."

Moving from Cathedral Hill to Dayton's Bluff has brought changes that seem to fit well with the Archdiocese. With the entire staff in the same building, communication among departments is stronger because the memo, email, or Post-It note is not just sent to another building — it is face-to-face communication, which the Archdiocese encourages.

The total area of the new headquarters of the Archdiocese in Dayton's Bluff is a little smaller than the combined area of the buildings on Cathedral Hill. Some of the buildings there had spaces that were empty or not being used very efficiently, so when they moved into Dayton's Bluff, the Archdiocese was able to designate a more suitable use for its new space.

"The Catholics in Dayton's Bluff have been very kind and welcoming to us," Archbishop Hebda said. "Father Norris is the Pastor at Sacred Heart. We are in his parish, and he has been very gracious to us. On the other side, there is St. Casimir's. We can see the spires of their church, and at Christmas and Easter, they sent us wonderful Polish treats, so it's been nice to be with them. They are both dynamic communities!"

"The Cathedral has a core of families," Father Lachowitz said, "but it also draws people from all over the Twin Cities that will come to the Cathedral for one reason or another. I think the core and the neighbors around there understood what we were doing, but we didn't have the interaction on Summit Avenue that we have on Payne Avenue. At the Cathedral Hill area, they took us for granted, and here on the East Side there is a sense of great welcome. I can go into Magnolia's and they call me by name."

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East Side Arts Projects win grants

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

The Knight Foundation has been giving art-oriented grants recently. Twenty-nine were awarded in St. Paul for a total of \$1.29 million dollars in 2017. Two of them are definitely aimed at the East Side.

The first is The Ghost Sonata at Swede Hollow. The recipient was the Sod House Theater. They received \$60,000 “to deepen the understanding of the history of early immigration through a site-specific, immersive production that transforms Swede Hollow Park into a historic hamlet of shanties.”

The second was East Side Stories: Using the Art of Storytelling to Build

Bridges Across Generations and Communities. This program was proposed by the East Side Freedom Library. They were given \$16,000 “to build bridges among neighbors by collecting the stories of East Siders and transforming them into videos which will be shared at a community festival.”

There are two other awards which didn't have a particular site. One focuses on millennials, who through a documentary film, explore their experiences navigating a clash of culture, language, and sexuality.

The other is the Saint Paul Lawn Art Fund which gave Lucas Koski \$36,000 to increase the accessibility to and prevalence of neighborhood art by establishing a 1-to-1 matching fund that will help residents commission artists for the creation of public art in their front lawns.

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Holidaze at The Cambric

Judy Yaeger Jones & Bob Jones
Special to the Forum

For the majority of the 113 residents, 2017 was our first full year living in Dominion senior housing at The Cambric. We've begun to know one another and to make new friends; and, taking part in group activities: art classes, book group, knit/crochet, pharm (don't ask!), cribbage, poker, and other card games...meeting many social needs.

There has been much turmoil and dissatisfaction with management policies and practices, sometimes aired in *The Forum* pages and area blogs: break-ins, thefts, and, inappropriate tenants and dogs. Frequent building maintenance and mechanical problems have eased, but computer programmed mechanisms remain problematic.

We are learning the essentials of community living, respecting differences, caring for others' needs, and trying to mind our own business (not easy when we each know it all). We are, hopefully, on the way to becoming an asset of the lower Dayton's Bluff community. However, the last few months have found us too often on our own, as the regular management office was frequently closed. Resident manager vacations, absences, extra duties at one of the other three Dominion under-construction properties, signing up new tenants, and giving tours.

Tenant issues can fester when two and three days go by with no resolution. We have no security guards, but lots and lots of security cameras, and each other! One tenant, Junior, meets the newspaper carrier, often makes the coffee, and sands and cleans the walkways. Nights and weekends mean emergency maintenance only. One tenant without heat had to wait for four hours for emergency maintenance to respond.

Erika, our initial building manager, is moving on to another property. We met our new manager, Jessica, at the 'Ugly Sweater & Cookie Exchange.' We hope she's a great communicator with our 50

to 90 seniors! On December 21, Cambric held a 'Mrs. Claus Holiday Mystery Gift Exchange' with games and prizes. Resident musicians, Marcia on guitar and Shirley on flute, inspired a feast of food donated by Erika, The Cambric, and tenants (we do have amazing cooks!).

We are so appreciative of local merchants and organization for the wealth of donated gift cards. Thanks to Mississippi Market, Swede Hollow Cafe, Morelli's, Carbones, Davani's, Target, Holiday Stations, Cub Foods (Sun Ray and Arcade locations), Little Oven, Magnolia's, and Culvers (a year's supply of ice cream). Residents Bob Jones and Judy Yaeger Jones organized the event with great support from neighbors, including Friends of Swede Hollow. The biggest problem was too many sharp, smart seniors nearly acing the Mrs. Claus Quiz. How many *Forum* readers know 'La Befana' is the female gift giver? She and a few other stumpers did prevail. Origin of candy



Bob Jones

A very special holiday gift given to residents of The Cambric.

canes, anyone? Finally, we were all gifted by Dominion with a ribbon-adorned gift. (see above photo) Words fail us. Wishing you a peaceful 2018!

Help needed for the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

The 2018 Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is just around the corner and planners are hot on the trail for neighborhood residents and friends to help make this year's tour a success.

The tour will take place on **Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, 2018.** The tour is of occupied homes to show visitors our wonderful homes, people, and community. Visitors from all over the metro come each year to see the

lovely homes in Dayton's Bluff.

The tour will feature homes that are large and small, Victorians or ramblers, or anything in between. Homes may be works-in-progress or finished products. It's a fantastic opportunity to show off our neighborhood and all the good things about the Bluff. Some visitors like Dayton's Bluff so much that they buy a home here. The tour is also a great way to get new ideas on remodeling and updating your home.

Neighborhood people are still needed to volunteer during the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, the "After the Tour Supper Party" will be held for the home owners and volunteers.

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Richard Arlen: Neighborhood movie idol

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

Richard Arlen, a former Dayton's Bluff resident, was inducted into the Hollywood Hall of Fame in 1960 and his star can be found at 6753 Hollywood Boulevard. Yet a scant few in our neighborhood know his story. So who was this actor? Around fifteen years ago I did write about him in the *Forum*, but while researching for an article on Central High, I found out more information about his time in St. Paul so it seemed a good idea to share his story again.

Like many Hollywood figures, he took on an assumed name. He was born Sylvanus Mattimore, the youngest of five children of James and Mary. His friends called him Van. In 1899 the family address was 927 Hastings Avenue (now Hudson Road) somewhat prosperous. James was a claim agent for the streetcar company and later became an attorney.

Their name sometimes showed up in the social pages of the St. Paul Globe. In 1902, Mrs. Mattimore hosted a meeting of the New Century Club at her home. Later that year, the newspaper reported that the Mattimore family had returned to Hastings Avenue after summering in Newport. A newspaper reported that the family participated in a gathering at St. John's Catholic Church in Dayton's Bluff, so they may have been members.

After a short time in White Bear, the Mattimores soon returned to St. Paul and Van entered Central High School. But his education was put aside before graduation. He told an interviewer that "during the first World War... a bunch of us kids wanted to become fliers. The American Air Force wouldn't take us because we were only 16. But an RAF (Royal Air Force) recruiter came to town and we joined up."

Arlen served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWI, jockeying planes but not directly participating in fighting. When the United States joined the conflict, he was transferred from the French military. He came back to Central after the war to finish his class work. One of his teachers said "I had no way of knowing he would become famous, but I found him a very enjoyable pupil." She added that he often came to class in his aviation uniform. He graduated with the class of 1919.

After the war, Arlen became a swimming instructor at the St. Paul Athletic Club where he was also on the club's hockey team. He also worked as a life-guard and handyman at Wildwood Amusement Park in White Bear.

Arlen then ventured West, intending to work in the oil fields, but ended up with a job as a motorcycle messenger at a film laboratory in Hollywood. He crashed into the gates of Paramount Pictures while making a delivery. The studio was impressed by the handsome

young stranger and gave him a small contract in 1925.

Arlen soon rose to credited roles. His big break came when he was, because of his flying, cast as a pilot in *Wings*, a silent movie set in Europe during WWI. Arlen had an important role and did his own stunt flying. In 1927, *Wings* won the first best picture award.

Arlen made the transition to movies with sound in the 1930s, but soon saw his standing in Hollywood slip, so he freelanced at various studios. He was a competent performer and starred in many movies, at his best playing a tough, cynical hero with a dash of humor.

Arlen made several visits to his alma mater over the years. In 1931 and 1939, there were interviews in the school newspaper. He jokingly said "today, as I walked up Central's front steps, I was early to school for the first time."

He expressed special regard for two teachers who had "helped him out of many difficulties" and who were both "the sweetest persons alive." He didn't get along with all of them. When asked if he studied theater at Central he said "well I joined the dramatic club, but Miss Austin kicked me out."

Another time when Arlen stopped over on the way to New York, he gave out signatures to a "throng of students" and suggested that they could "do their bit" by going to benefit showings of one of his movies to "combat the local unemployment problem."

He often returned to home to visit his parents, who had moved to 1854 Goodrich. He always considered this city to be home, once saying "my heart starts beating faster when I get close to St. Paul." According to one source, he spent several weeks a year with his elderly mother.

For the rest of his life, Arlen contin-



Wikipedia

Richard Arlen

ued to get small parts, sometimes on early television, until his death in 1976 from emphysema. He has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, but unfortunately, has no recognition in his home town. Perhaps someone who reads this article will help start a Richard Arlen Fan Club. Should we have an Arlen film festival at the Historic Mounds Theatre?

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East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has 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.

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Now and then people – a daughter, a friend, a neighbor – have accompanied me on the *East Side Eating Taste Trek*. This time I was joined by Marilyn McGriff, a new resident of the Cambria on East Seventh Street, and noted player of the nyckelharpa, a traditional Swedish stringed instrument, and the author of *Caught in The Lye*, a Scandinavian culture mystery novel set in Minnesota (see photo on page one).

We were going to check out the deli offerings at Ha Tien. It is owned by Ne Dao, a Cambodia native, and her husband Son Dao, who emigrated from Vietnam. The couple met after moving to Minnesota. They first took over Son's parents' grocery business in 1996, moving it to University Avenue and naming it after Son's boyhood home.

They wanted to have a larger market and decided to have a second location on the East Side in the empty former Byerlys building. It provided a chance to have a much larger space in which to offer a large selection of non-Asian foods from here and around the world.

Before eating, we strolled through the place. There is everything from duck's feet to frosted flakes. There are aisles for Mexican and South American foods and sauces, African foods, Japanese and Korean traditional cuisine, and lots of food that you can find at a Cub store. In the meat aisle you can find the standard poultry and seafood

selections as well as carefully wrapped packages of beef skin, chicken feet, and an array of pig innards that are simply labeled "pork inside mix."

I saw Japanese yams, mako shark fin, Korea pears, piñatas, kimchi, Fafu Mix, French baguettes (in the bakery area), white dragon fruit, and even live catfish.

Then we arrived at the deli which has several sections. One is for the area where they make four kinds of traditional Vietnamese sandwiches called banh mi. Then there is a section for prepared hot food. The selections change from time to time, but on that evening they included fried shrimp, oyster pork rib, steamed shrimp barbecued chicken, pig's ears, orange chicken, eggs rolls, and fried rice. In another location there is sushi that is made daily.

After we got our food and paid for it at the counter, we walked ahead and took a left into the old Byerlys restaurant. The room is large and well-lit with one large multilight system in the center of the ceiling. The walls are not decorated except for some panels of etched glass. There are ten booths along two of the walls. These are the same ones that had been used by the old restaurant's customers.

There are three sets of tables in the center, one that easily seats nine or ten people and two that would seat six or more. The floor is carpeted.

This experience was a little different from most of the sit-down restaurants I have visited. It is similar to a cafeteria where you chose the food and they put it in a container good for either eating in or take out. For most of the time, we were the only people there. I chose sweet and sour chicken, an egg roll, and had a serving of mango juice imported from the Philippines. My friend had stir-fried Pha Lau and an Aloe Vera King drink. I decided that an apple turnover would nicely serve as dessert.

Ha Tien is a very unusual operation as it has something for everyone, as they say. It's a fun place to visit and find new tastes and a diversity not found in most local stores. "We don't want to concentrate on one group; we want everybody," said Son Dao. "We are an international market. We hope we can welcome everybody."

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Steve Trimble

The deli area of Ha Tien Market, located in the former Byerlys building on Suburban Avenue.

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William Allen White, famous editor of the *Emporia Gazette*, of Emporia, Kansas, seen holding the *Forum* in Peter Pan Park. Photo by Steve Trimble.

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Pictured at left are Chuck Cosimini and his son Lucca in Rome, Italy reading the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* at the Roman Forum, which probably doesn't have a newspaper named for it.

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