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"The Voice of the Community"

2019 Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour

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Forum Staff

The annual Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour will take place on **Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 28, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Dayton's Bluff homes on the tour this year demonstrate a variety of architecture, age, and style. Included on this year's tour is 216 Bates Avenue, which was a popular destination on last year's tour and is in the process of being converted into a gorgeous private residence.

There will be three houses in a row

on East 4th Street that the owners have lived in for years and have done amazing work on. Dayton's Bluff has so many wonderful homes that each year we have a number of them on the tour. Many people from all over the Metro area come to see the Dayton's Bluff homes featured each year. Some of the visitors like it so well that they have moved to the neighborhood.

Volunteers are needed to serve as "neighborhood ambassadors" to help with the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, the traditional "After the Home Tour Supper Party" will be held for the families whose homes are on the tour and all neighborhood ambassador volunteers.

For more information on the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour, visit www.msphometour.com.

To volunteer, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.



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216-218 Bates Avenue, historically known as the Schorenstein Garage, was built in 1884 by prominent East Side architect, Augustus Gauger. Fast-forward to 2018, when Cory and Tia Vandenberghe bought the condemned industrial building and began the impressive undertaking of rehabilitating the historic structure into their new dream home.

Their efforts-in-progress were appreciated by Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour participants who marveled at the work the Vandenberghes had put in to-date.

Every home on the tour has a story, don't miss a single one! Learn more about the couple's progress as they make 216-218 Bates Avenue their home by visiting their website at <http://therailingshop.co/>

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Jennifer Gascoigne

A brush with greatness! It can be said that we at the *Forum* think Dayton's Bluff resident and neighborhood force for good, Sage Holben (pictured at left) is pretty great, but throw in former Minnesota Senator and 42nd Vice President of the United States, Walter Mondale (pictured at right) celebrating his 91st birthday at Swede Hollow Cafe on Friday, January 4, and it's almost too much greatness for one photo. We hope you enjoyed your special day, Mr. Mondale. Thanks for celebrating with our neighborhood.

Don't miss the 7th Annual CABARET!

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

The 7th Annual CABARET! will be held on **Friday, March 8**, at the Historic Mounds Theatre, located at 1029 Hudson Road, from **7:30 p.m. To 10:00 p.m.** The evening will offer a wonderful mix of dancing, singing, music, comedy, and poetry. It is a yearly celebration of talent with East Side roots.

The evening will also include a silent auction of original art and other items. CABARET! tickets are just \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Get your

tickets now and get the CABARET! on your calendar! The theater will come alive with an amazing variety of acts. To buy your tickets online, go to www.moundstheatre.org or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550. Don't miss the fun!

The CABARET! is a fundraiser for this year's 10th annual Art in the Hollow, the art festival in Swede Hollow Park (Saturday, June 1, 2019). The CABARET! and Art in the Hollow are programs of Friends of Swede Hollow, a nonprofit organization that works on restoring and protecting the park, celebrating Swede Hollow history, and hosting events honoring Swede Hollow Park and the neighborhood.

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Sorry we missed you...

The February edition of the *Forum* was available online only.

Visit www.daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org to view this and other past issues (all the way back to the year 2000!)

The *Forum* depends on readers like you. If you'd like to continue to receive this newspaper in print, please make a donation! See page 8 for details.

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, at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. The next hike will be on Saturday, February 9. 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 7, at 6:30 p.m. Email karin@swedehollow.org or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on Friday, February 8, 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.

The next meetings are on Wednesday, February 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended to be 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.



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Saturday, February 2: Midwest All-Star Wrestling returns to the Mounds for *MAW Live at the Mounds: This Normal Heart!* The Man with the Golden Contract: Orin Veidt "The Dark Prophet" will go one-on-one against the #1 Contender: Austin Arrow in Singles Action!

All the way from North Dakota, the hottest duo from the frozen north: Friend or Foe are in the house as Bobby Brennan & Jack Ledger make their MAW returns and debuts at the Mounds! You may remember him as Nathen Edwards, but Lil N8 (YOUNG-PRINCESOUND CLOUD) will be in the house taking on MAW veteran Ryan Cruz for the first time in singles competition!

Making his Season 2 debut and triumphant return to The Mounds: Patrick McDaniel will be tested in a Triple Threat taking on the "Starbreaker" Aiden Wake & The African Prince ALI! Also signed to appear: MAW Tag Team Champion: The Revolutionary Bill Williams, Devon Monroe, Garrison Creed, and Moses Mayhem. And as always, Heel Turn Radio will be calling all the action LIVE from the Haunted Balcony. (Card and Talent Subject to Change.) Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7:00 p.m. Check our website for ticket information.

Fridays and Saturdays, February 8-23: Fearless Comedy Productions presents *Noir*: This annual short play festival produced by Fearless Comedy Productions gives five writers, five directors and a multi-tasking cast the opportunity to work in a group to hone their existing talents and culminate new skills. All show times at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

Friday, March 8: *Friends of Swede Hollow Cabaret!*

Saturday, March 9: *Midwest All-Star Wrestling.*

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, March 22-31: Skylark Opera Theatre presents *Così Fan Tutte*.

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.

Inaugural winter recreation area

Ten days of free winter fun! **Friday, February 1, through Sunday, February 10.** Weather permitting, you're invited to experience cross-country skiing, kick-sledding, and tea kettle curling, all at the same location: Keller Regional Park! **Weekdays from noon - 5:00 p.m., and weekends from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Activities will be held at the Keller

Park Golfview picnic area. Enter the parking lot while traveling north on Highway 61, between Roselawn Avenue and County Road B. Once parked, please check in at the red tent.

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:

Saturdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., *Maker Space in the FunZONE!* Play computer games like Minecraft, and enjoy other hands-on fun in the Zone.

Wednesday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., *Dayton's Bluff Book Club!* Join the club in reading a mix of fiction and non-fiction from a diverse collection of authors, many with local settings. Discussions focus on social justice, anti-racism, and equity. A light dinner is provided as well as a free copy of the book.

Contact Emily at the Dayton's Bluff Library or stop in to sign up and receive next month's book selection.

Tuesday, February 5, 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.

Monday, February 18, the library will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Did you know that you can check out board games at the library? 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. See the full calendar of events happening in February at the Dayton's Bluff Library on page 3.

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.

Wish List Care Packages

Help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping their Amazon Wish List!

Visit www.amazon.com/registry/wish-list/3KK001OGFO5NJ. You can have these much-needed items sent right to our office. From there, our team of volunteers will distribute them to seniors in need. Help us make a bigger impact and shop our wish list today!

With the help of supporters like you, we are able to supply groceries and personal care items to nine seniors in the community, at no charge to them. These items help stretch their monthly budgets and give them access to healthy food and much-needed personal care products. For ideas, visit our Amazon Wish List. When you purchase from our Wish List, the items are sent directly to our office. Donations can also be dropped off at our office: East Side Elders, 463 Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55106. A printable wish list can also be found on our website.

Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? We want to be part of your support team!

Let East Side Elders take a chore off your long to-do list! To get help with grocery shopping, simply give us a call at 651-683-2326 or email us at Info@EastSideElders.org with a detailed list. From there, we put a call out to our grocery shopping team and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volunteer for delivery.

As with our other services, grocery shopping is donation-based. You can donate what you can for the convenience of not having to head out to the store. Reimbursement for the groceries can be done directly with the volunteer - they will bring you a receipt when they make their delivery.

February Elder Cafe

After a delicious meal, join St. Paul Ghost Walk's Dangerous Linda as she spins the tales of St. Paul's star-crossed lovers and more! Join for a nourishing meal and great conversation on **Thursday, February 14, noon to 2:00 p.m.**, at 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul.

Contact East Side Elders at 651-683-2326 or Info@EastSideElders.org to RSVP or to request a ride to this event.

Cost for the event is \$5 per guest and includes lunch and a seat for the program. Payment can be made by cash, check, or card. Punch cards may be purchased at the event.

Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and developing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan.

Those who successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they don't have to locate their business in target neighborhoods to be eligible).

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, so sign up now. Please call the training department at 651-379-8113.

Free Help for East Side Pets

The Animal Humane Society's Community Outreach program has special clinics for pets on the East Side. The events offer free wellness exams, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter appointment scheduling, guidance from the AHS behavior team and St. Paul Animal Control, free pet food, and more.

For information on upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit <http://animalhumanesociety.org/outreach-services-frog-town-and-east-st-paul>.

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Dayton's Bluff Book Club
Wednesday, February 6
6-8 pm
 Join us for a discussion of *Citizen: An American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine. A light dinner & free copies of the next title will be distributed at the meeting!


East Side Art Salon
Thursday, February 14
6:30-7:30 pm
 A collective for artists and art supporters seeking: Support, Opportunity, Networking, Ideas, and Advocacy.

Tot Time, February 7
10:30-11:30 am
 The first Thursday of the month, special playtime for young children. Play is an important part of early literacy!

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Elder Cafe

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Hope you can join us for a nourishing meal and great conversation!

Call (651) 683-2326 to make a reservation* or to request a free ride!

The cost of the event is \$5.00 per person.
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Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured below 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 March edition of the *Forum*.

Congratulations to Dave Oberpriller, winner of December's contest with his correct guess of 764 6th Street East.



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

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

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

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

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

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Homes needed for 2019 Home Tour

The 2019 Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour will be here before we know it. We are hot on the trail for homes to be featured on the Home Tour now. The tour will take place on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, Saturday April 28. The home tour is for occupied homes to show visitors our wonderful Dayton's Bluff people, homes, and community. Visitors from all over the metro come each year to see the lovely homes in Dayton's Bluff.

Six to eight Dayton's Bluff homes are needed to be on the tour. Homes can be large or small, Victorians or ramblers, or anything in between. Homes may be works-in-progress or

finished products. It's a fantastic opportunity for us to show off our neighborhood and all the good things about Dayton's Bluff. Each year 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. You can nominate your own home, or talk to your neighbors about getting their homes on the tour.

Neighborhood people are also needed to volunteer to help out during the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, an After the Tour Supper Party will be held for the home owners' families and all home tour volunteers. To learn more about having your home on the tour, to volunteer, or for more information, please email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

Balkan Fest

A vibrant culture and heritage celebration

*Krissy Schoenfelder
Landmark Center*

Landmark Center and Ethnic Dance Theatre are proud to present the first annual *Balkan Fest*, **February 17, from noon to 5:00 p.m.** Celebrate the diverse cultures found throughout the Balkan Peninsula and surrounding areas.

The festival will feature songs and dances from the wide variety of ethnicities, including Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Romanian, Greek, Macedonian, Slovenian, Turkish, and Bulgarian. Several local dance ensembles will feature both their adult and children's dance groups. In addition to on-stage entertainment, the event will include booths from local Balkan communities, demonstrating rich history and culture, and displaying arts and crafts to educate the public about the illustrious ethnic heritage of the region.

"There is something for everyone with sights, sounds and tastes from many different countries," said Donald LaCourse, Ethnic Dance Theatre Artistic Director. "Folk dance and

folk music performances, dance lessons, crafts and cultural presentations will give festival goers a very vibrant sample of these beautiful cultures."

Balkan Fest is produced through a partnership between Landmark Center and Ethnic Dance Theatre. Admission is \$6 for ages 13 and older, \$4 for children ages 6-12, and free for age 5 and younger. This event is funded in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and the Xcel Energy Foundation as part of the *Sundays at Landmark* event series. For more information visit www.landmarkcenter.org.

Ethnic Dance Theatre has been preserving and presenting world music and dance as art for over forty years. EDT strives to foster understanding and awareness of world cultures through the re-creation and presentation of traditional ethnic dance and music. For more information visit www.ethnicdancetheatre.com.

Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps.

Landmark Center embarks on 2019 season of Urban Expedition

Popular cultural/travel event series returns

*Krissy Schoenfelder
Landmark Center*

Where, oh where, is Urban Expedition headed to next? The 2019 season of international adventure programs kicks off in January. Urban Expedition is always free and features crafts, exhibits, music, dance and live animals. Also, food representative of the featured culture is available for purchase.

"Urban Expedition is a wonderful showcase of the diversity in the Twin Cities community," said Judy Brooks, Community Programs Director. "We bring these events to life by partnering with local organizations. Groups

that represent each country's Minnesota community bring a wealth of cultural knowledge, and share it with our audience. It's a fun way to have a global experience without even leaving town."

2019 Urban Expedition Schedule: February 10 – Urban Expedition: Palestine; March 3 – Urban Expedition: Romania; March 31 – Urban Expedition: Great Britain; April 14 – Urban Expedition: Vietnam.

Principal partners for 2019 Urban Expeditions include, Puerto Ricans in Minnesota; American Muslims for Palestine-Minnesota; Dunarea, Izvorasul and Plai de Dor dance ensemble; Vietnamese Community of Minnesota; and others. All events are presented by Minnesota Landmarks and are proudly sponsored in part by Ecolab and Travelers, Xcel Energy Foundation, RBC Wealth Management, Minnesota Parent, Ramsey County, and the Lillian Wright and C. Emil Berglund Foundation.

For more information visit www.landmarkcenter.org/urban.html.

Dark moment in Saint Paul history coming to local stage

A new play from local playwrights

*Krissy Schoenfelder
Landmark Center*

An original historical drama, involving a little known episode of racist violence in Saint Paul's Groveland Park neighborhood, will appear in Landmark Center's F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium during Black History Month, February 2019.

Not in Our Neighborhood! written by Central High School graduates, Tom Fabel and Eric Wood, is the true story of vicious neighborhood opposition to a home purchase by African American Saint Paul residents in 1924.

The victims, attorney William Francis and his civil rights activist wife Nellie, aroused segregationist sentiment from white neighbors when they sought to relocate from the Rondo neighborhood to a home on Sargent Avenue. Protesting neighbors employed petitions, demonstrations, death threats and ultimately, two cross burnings on the 2000 block of Sargent in their efforts to dissuade the Francis family from the intended move. With help from the NAACP and belated protection from city authorities, the Francis family made the move and remained in the home until William Francis was appointed to an ambassadorship in 1927. That position ended with William's death in 1929, following which his body was returned to Saint Paul for a funeral service at Pilgrim Baptist Church. The play begins at that funeral, and then flashes back to the events in 1924.

"The play is timely despite taking place in 1924. Segregated housing patterns in

both Saint Paul and Minneapolis were enforced through much of the 20th century, effects of which remain evident in current housing in both cities," explained Wood, himself raised in the Rondo neighborhood. "Understanding where we came from is essential for our communities to move forward towards racial harmony."

Not in Our Neighborhood! is produced by Minnesota Landmarks and directed by co-author Eric Wood. Public performances are scheduled for **February 14 - 16**, with additional daytime performances for local high school students. A panel discussion with local legal professionals is scheduled for after the Friday evening performance and a CLE credit is pending.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on Landmark Center's website, by calling (651) 292-3063, in-person in the Minnesota Landmarks/Landmark Center office, and at the door each evening of performances, while supplies last. Support for *Not in Our Neighborhood!* is provided by the Minnesota State Bar Foundation, Ramsey County Historical Society, Mitchell Hamline School of Law, the Pioneer Press, and a Saint Paul Cultural Star grant.

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Senator Foug Hawj Denounces New Federal Policy Proposal Targeting Southeast Asian American Refugees for Deportation

*Matt Roznowski
Office of Senator Foug Hawj*

Senator Foug Hawj (DFL-St. Paul) today joined Release MN8, Voices for Racial Justice, and the Coalition of Asian American Leaders in denouncing a new Trump Administration policy proposal that targets Southeast Asian American refugees for deportation. In response to this development, Sen. Hawj prepared the following statement for a press conference with advocacy organizations that took place earlier today.

"I regret being unable to join you all today, however, I support Release MN8, Voices for Racial Justice, the Coalition of Asian American Leaders, and all the organizations, community members, and impacted families here today. We call on the Trump Administration to immediately stop the senseless deportation of refugees.

I implore my legislative and community colleagues to actively work with our Mayors, our incoming Governor Tim Walz, Lt. Governor-elect Peggy Flanagan, and Attorney General Keith Ellison to do everything we can to protect our Southeast Asian community members. The Trump administration's aggressive policies toward Southeast Asian American families, other immigrants, and refugees of color are degrading and dehumanizing. These poli-

cies are un-Minnesotan, un-American, and have no place in our state and our country.

Where is the compassion of our country? I believe, "When you have done your time, you have repaid your debt to society". Yet, families continue to be torn apart and threatened by the Trump administration. The Southeast Asian Americans currently being held have paid their dues, done their time, and should be allowed to live their lives as lawful citizens, here in the US, with their families.

In 2008, President Bush negotiated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), protecting Vietnamese community members who arrived before 1995 from deportation. This MOU must be defended by our institutions and our people.

Our state is blessed to have well over 100,000 Hmong, Lao, Cambodian, and Vietnamese Americans making Minnesota their home. They are Minnesotans contributing to the economic vitality and cultural richness of our state. It should also be noted that as a direct result of the Vietnam War, Southeast Asians represent the largest resettled community of refugees in U.S. history.

It is long overdue for all of us to come up with a strategic plan for Minnesota to protect the rights of all of its citizens. We must continue to be a beacon of light. We must continue to aspire daily for justice and fairness. Our stories will not be silenced. We will not be silenced. We still have so much to do. I am ready to do this vital work and I know we all are too.

Thank you for being here today. I look forward to the working with you all."

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



DATES

- **SATURDAY, Feb 9**
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **SATURDAY, Feb 16**
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, March 5**
4 p.m.-8 p.m.
- **THURSDAY, March 7**
4 p.m.-8 p.m.

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- Families making less than \$55,000 in 2018
- People with disabilities
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- Working students

WHAT TO BRING

- Health insurance information including form 1095
- Social Security cards for yourself, your spouse and each of your children
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A few February holidays around the World

*Temperance Brennan
Special to the Forum*

When asked about celebrating a holiday in February, most people may mention Valentine's Day. As an anthropologist, I have studied many different cultures in many parts of the world. Perchance, some of you might want to have gatherings and find out about some other options. Here are a few possibilities. Look for some other iconic days in the March edition of the *Forum*.

February 7, Independence Day: This public holiday in Grenada celebrates independence from the United Kingdom in 1974 and is Grenada's National Day. Movements toward independence had begun in the 1950s. Independence

from the United Kingdom was granted in 1974.

February 11, National Foundation Day: This is a holiday for Japanese people to remind themselves of the nation's founding and is the traditional date on which, according to legend, Emperor Jimmu founded Japan in 660 B.C.

February 18, Independence Day: Gambia was the first African nation colonized by the British and the day looks back to 1965, when it became the last colony in all British Africa to be set free. Gambia became the 116th member of the United Nations.

February 21, Bengali Language Movement Day (Ekushey February): Also referred to as Language Martyrs' Day. This day commemorates protests and sacrifices to protect Bengali as a national language during the Bengali Language Movement of 1952.

February 27, Independence Day: Celebrating the Independence War that gave the Dominican Republic autonomy from Haiti on this day in 1844.

Dellwood Gardens receives 2018 Deubener Award

*Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff*

Dellwood Gardens Assisted Living and Memory Care located at 753 East 7th Street received one of the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce 2018 Deubener Awards for being the best Emerging Business. The award winners were announced at the 10th Annual Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Honors Event in November.

Dellwood Gardens offers high quality Assisted Living and Memory Care Services that are accessible to seniors of every cultural and economic background right here on the East Side of Saint Paul. "We thrive on inspiring and empowering our community and promise to continue our commitment to exceed the needs and expectations of our residents," states Co-owner/Operator Tim FunkMeyer.



Photo courtesy of Dellwood Gardens

Pictured above from left to right are Lindsay Schmidt, Marketing Director; Tim FunkMeyer, Co-Owner/Operator; Courtney Blomquist, Housing Director; Sigrid VanDemark, Home Care Director RN; Jenny Callahan, Project Manager, Paruan Inc.; Rich Pakonen, Co-Owner.

The present owners have owned the property at 753 East 7th Street since 2012, and have made many improvements to the facility including completely renovating it into Assisted Living and memory care apartments, now known as Dellwood Gardens. One of the owners, Tim FunkMeyer, stated "We are very happy to be part of the Dayton's Bluff community."

Beautiful gardens have been added to the front lawn with help from a local non-profit, Urban Roots, that hires youth interns to work on growing food and other gardening projects on St.

Paul's East Side.

Dellwood staff work at helping residents maintain an active social life which has a huge impact on their overall well-being. They host a social and snack hour at 3:30 p.m. each day for residents to enjoy quality peer-to-peer interaction, as well as other social activities seven days a week, such as happy hours and socials to welcome new residents, and a regular schedule of music and entertainment events.

The Deubener Small Business Awards are Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce awards that are annually given to five organizations that exemplify growth, excellence, risk, diversity, and innovation. The awards are in honor of Walter and Lydia Deubener who were the proprietors of a grocery store in downtown Saint Paul and invented the first shopping bag with handles.

A little history of the uses of 753 East 7th Street: Lawyer Samuel Mayall built his stone mansion on the site in the 1870s. After the Mayall family left their home around 1903, it was used as the Nugent Institute, a drug and alcohol program that made the

claim to "cure or kill." Next, the old mansion was headquarters for the City Cycling Club. In 1908, it was the Parental School and Detention Home, which the neighborhood children called the "Bad Boys Home." Ramsey County soon replaced it with Totem Town for boys. In 1915, Home for the Friendless ac-

quired the property, removed the old mansion and built the older part of today's complex. The Home for the Friendless organization was started by women from 12 Saint Paul Churches in 1867 to provide a home for homeless women and children. The name was later changed to the Protestant Home and started to serve the elderly. Over the years a number of organizations have run the home including the Wilder Foundation, who added the 1976 addition on the building. It is now owned and operated as Dellwood Gardens Assisted Living and Memory Care.

St. Paul remembers Black History Month

*Steve Trimble
Forum Historian*

Since February is Black History Month, I thought people might want to read a few stories of African American events in St. Paul's past, starting with a happening on the East Side.

March 29, 1967: The Crispus Attucks Home, located at 469 Collins Street in Railroad Island was razed on this day. It was a structure with an important history for the African American community. It had been started because most orphanages would not admit black children and some of the older generation were left on their own. Two AME missionaries, Will and Fannie King, first opened a residence for both in a small house near Oakland Cemetery. In the spring of 1908, the residents journeyed to rural Randolph Avenue in what is now the heart of Highland Park.

The new site was dubbed "The Farm," and elders helped up to 20 children lead busy lives with school, study time, Saturday night baths, Sunday school, and labor. The boys worked the farm and the girls cooked and trained to be domestic workers. By the early 1920s, however, orphanage services had ended and the institution itself became a home for around 16 elderly people at the East Side location. The structure slowly deteriorated and in 1966, the state bought the house and the Wilder Foundation took in the few remaining residents.

January 13, 1926: The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was organized on this day, largely due to the work of Frank

Boyd. He was born in Kansas and arrived in St. Paul in 1904. Boyd started working as a Pullman porter for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Because of his organizing activities, the company fired him, but he continued working for the union while working at a packing plant.

Through his efforts, Local 3 soon grew to over 700 members. The civil rights and political activist died in California on May 2, 1962, and is buried in Elmhurst Cemetery in St. Paul. A park on Selby just east of Western Street was named in honor of Boyd on May 1, 1986.

March 20, 1905: Mrs. T. H. Lyles was featured in this day's issue of the *St. Paul Globe*. As the president of the Minnesota Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, she had addressed a group at the local St. James A. M. E. Church. The topic of the talk was "The Progress Made by the Colored Race." In spite of "the germ disease of prejudice which stands a hydra headed monster in our midst," she said, things were improving.

Her suggestions were in line with that of Booker T. Washington, one stream of African American thought

at the time that featured self-improvement as a response to racism. "Our women must teach their sons and daughters that the best help is that which comes within themselves," she said. They must "Be careful of their deportment on the streets, in the cars, and in all public places," and needed to combine thrift and energy with culture and achievement.

April 16, 1987: August Wilson, an African American playwright, won the Pulitzer Prize for *Fences* on this day. The work was part of his series offering known as *The Pittsburgh Cycle*, a group of 10 plays.

He won a second Pulitzer in 1990 for *The Piano Lesson*. Each work is set in a different decade and depicts the comic as well as the tragic aspects of the African-American experience.

He had a long association with the local Penumbra Theater which premiered many of his works. "I think my plays offer a different way to look at Black Americans," he said in an interview. In *Fences* they see a garbage man. White people find out that the content of this black garbage man's life is affected by the same things... recognizing that these things are as much part of his life as theirs can af-



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Toni Stone

fect how they think about and deal with black people in their lives."

December 19, 1996: St. Paul changed the name of Dunning Field to Toni Stone Stadium on this day. Born Marcenia Lyle Alberga in St. Paul, as a teenager she played with the local boys' teams in her hometown.

During World War II she moved to San Francisco, playing for the San Francisco Sea Lions, a Black, semi-pro barnstorming team.

In 1953 the Indianapolis Clowns signed Stone to play second base to replace Hank Aaron. This contract made Stone the first woman to play in the Negro Leagues. The Clowns were well-known for their showmanship, but by the '50s were playing straight baseball. In 1954, Stone's contract was sold to the Kansas City Monarchs, one of the stronger teams in the Negro Leagues. But a lack of playing time led Stone to retire that season. She was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990. After the city declared an official "Toni Stone Day," St. Paul named a baseball field just west of Central High School for her accomplishments. She died in 1996 at the age of 75.

Sundays at Landmark

Krissy Schoenfelder
Landmark Center

With a full calendar of heritage festivals, musical performances, and holiday celebrations, Landmark Center's 2018-2019 season of *Sundays at Landmark*, runs through May and consists of Sunday afternoons of free and low cost, family friendly events.

Remaining *Sundays at Landmark* dates (free, unless noted): **February 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Urban Expedition; **February 17, noon to 5:00 p.m.**, Balkan Festival, \$4/\$6; **March 3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Urban Expedition; **March 16 (Saturday), 10:00**

a.m. to 5:00 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Irish Celebration, \$5/\$7; **March 17, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, Day of Irish Dance, \$5/\$7; **March 31, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Urban Expedition; **April 14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Urban Expedition; **April 28, noon to 6:00 p.m.**, BANDWIDTH Community Band Festival; **May 12, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, St. Paul Civic Symphony Mother's Day Concert; **May 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, Border CrossSing (vocal) concert.

All events are presented by Minnesota Landmarks and are proudly sponsored in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and the Xcel Energy Foundation. Additional support for Urban Expedition events is provided by RBC Wealth Management and Minnesota Parent. For more information visit www.landmarkcenter.org/programs/sundays.htm.

Mississippi Market awarded 2018 Twin Cities Indie Business Award

Saint Paul co-op recognized for its commitment to positively influencing local community

Matt Frank
Communication & Media Specialist,
Mississippi Market

Mississippi Market was recently awarded a 2018 Twin Cities Indie Business Award in the Impact category for its commitment to positively influencing the community through local sourcing and sustainable business practices. As a community-owned and -operated business, Mississippi Market could not exist without the strong support and engagement of our local Saint Paul community, co-op member-owners, staff, and vendors. As a consumer-owned grocery store, Mississippi Market provides high-quality, fair-priced goods and services while empowering our diverse communities to be healthy, make choices that help sustain our planet, and create a more just local economy.

The Twin Cities Indie Business Awards are held annually by the Twin Cities Metro Independent Business Alliance to celebrate the many economic and social benefits that local, independent businesses have on our local metropolitan community. Nominations for four categories, including the Founder Award, Emerging Award, Impact Award, Non-Profit Award, and Gary

Mazzone Award, which honors an individual who advocates for local independent businesses in a way that inspires others, were open to the public earlier this year. Finalists were announced in September and winners were announced at an award ceremony held at Day Block Brewing Company in Minneapolis on Tuesday, November 13.

"We are honored and humbled for this recognition from our local community," states Gail Graham, Mississippi Market Co-op's General Manager. "We're thrilled to have been nominated in the Impact Award category along with other local business leaders, including Castle Building and Remodeling, Green Space True Natural Design, and Software for Good. Without strong support from local community partners, Mississippi Market would not be the business we are today – a thriving natural foods cooperative owned by over 19,000 Twin Citians who value good food and direct relationships with the farmers, producers, and growers who make it."

Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op has been offering local, organic food at a fair price to its St. Paul neighbors for 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. Mississippi Market is a food co-op open to everyone that empowers our diverse communities to be healthy, make choices that help sustain our planet, and create a more just local economy. Learn more at www.msmarket.coop.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at your Co-op!

Annual Chocolate Tasting & Gift Fair to be hosted on February 9

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Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op will once again host its annual Chocolate Tasting & Gift Fair this February to celebrate Valentine's Day. Join your co-op community on Saturday, February 9, from 11:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. at any of Mississippi Market's three St. Paul locations. At

the event, sample delectable locally-made and fair-trade chocolates, shop for Valentine's Day gifts and foods, enjoy live music, and enter a free raffle for your chance to win fabulous prizes.

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

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

Save the date to celebrate Valentine's Day at your friendly neighborhood co-op!

"Cosi Fan Tutte" coming to the Historic Mounds Theatre

Vera Mariner
Marketing and Communications Manager
Skylark Opera

Vera Mariner, Marketing and Communications Manager for Skylark Opera Theatre, recently sat down for a fun Q & A session with Skylark Opera Theatre's Artistic Director, Bob Neu, as he prepares for the upcoming production of "Cosi fan Tutte" presented at the Historic Mounds Theatre.

Q: What makes Skylark Opera Theatre unique in this current day and age?

A: *Instead of focusing on special effects and visual stimulation, we focus on intimate story-telling and explore the intimacies of the human condition.*

Q: What makes Skylark unique in the local arts community?

A: *We're the only company performing opera on an intimate scale and placing the audience INSIDE the production.*

Q: Can you give us a brief history of Skylark then and now?

A: *For 45 years, Skylark focused on traditional operettas and music theater pieces performed in a traditional proscenium theater and with a traditional sense of staging and storytelling. There are now many companies that do this and Skylark wanted to break free of those traditions and find a new way to offer the operatic and music theater repertoire.*

Q: Tell us about your upcoming production.

A: *Skylark Opera Theatre throws a modern new light on the story of two guys who think they can dupe their girlfriends by switching places. But, the women have their own power and they aren't afraid to use it! Mozart's gorgeous score is sung in English.*

Q: Why this piece?

A: *"Cosi fan tutte" is often written-off as an opera that is too misogynistic to be effective in our current time. So, despite its fantastic score, it's not often produced. We at Skylark Opera think this masterpiece can withstand being viewed through a contemporary lens. And when this happens, the traditional roles of the sexes are upended, and this proves to be a very timely work with an empowering mes-*



sage for both men and women.

Q: What prompted you to choose our neighborhood's Historic Mounds Theatre?

A: *It's an underutilized theater that offers the possibility of many different configurations and lay-outs. Also, we admire the building's history.*

"Cosi Fan Tutte" is directed by Bob Neu and sung in English. Performances run **Friday, March 22, Saturday, March 23, Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m.**, as well as **Sunday, March 24, and Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m.**

Tickets are \$45 general, \$43 senior, \$40 MPR members (phone order with member ID only), and \$40 students.

Call Ticketworks at (612) 343-3390 or order online at <https://ticketworks.com/event-list/cosi-fan-tutte/>

ASL date and post-show discussions to be announced. Performance is presented THROUGHOUT the Historic Mounds Theater, located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul.

You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

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Mary Petrie and her travel companion, John, visited the National Gallery in London with their copy of the *Forum* in tow.

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.



Justice Voss

The *Forum* has gone to the dogs! And we're okay with that. Laney never misses an issue, according to her owners. Have a pet who loves the *Forum* as much as Laney does? Send a photo to daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue!

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Edna Stevens/Universal Dance Destiny

Pictured above and below: Ward 7 City Council Member Jane Prince took to the dance floor at the Historic Mounds Theatre with choreographer Edna Stevens of Universal Dance Destiny to prove that politics can be fun!

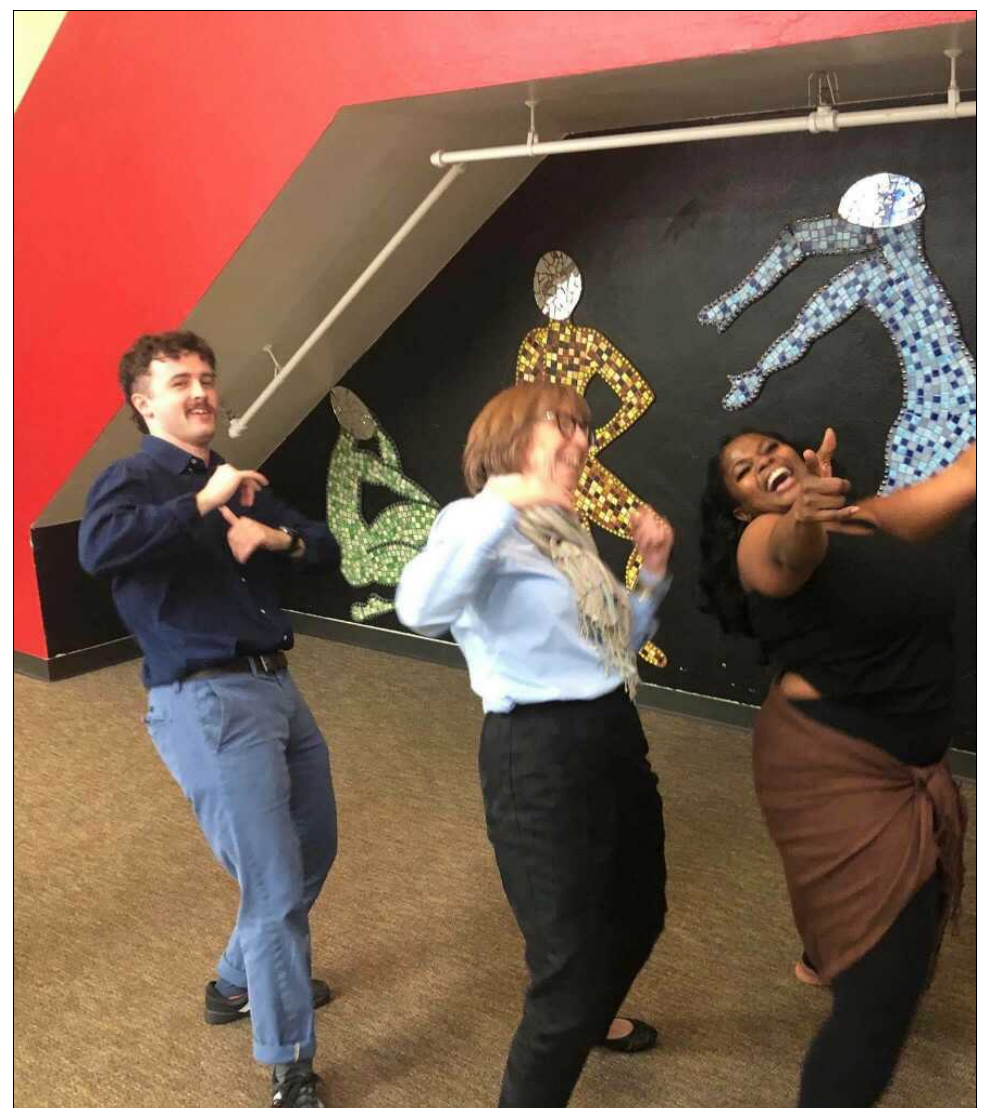
Universal Dance Destiny is a dance performance and entertainment company offering a variety of dance educational presentations, master classes, workshops, residencies in primarily traditional West African dance with live drumming accompaniment and modern African dance to upbeat African music. Selected company members and special guest instructors on our roster teach classes and special workshops in African drumming, Latin dances, Hip hop, Breaking (using kid-friendly music for youth groups) and wedding dance choreography. Facebook/Universal Dance Destiny for more information.

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