

Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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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 them. 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 Vandenberghe's 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.

Karin DuPaul can be reached at karindupaul@comcast.net.

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, March 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, March 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, March 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, March 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.

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¡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.



THE HISTORIC
MOUNDS
THEATRE

Friday, March 8: The Friends of Swede Hollow presents the 7th annual *Cabaret!* Celebrity judges, dancers, singers, musicians, comedians, magicians and other zany acts. Plus a Silent Auction, VIP Bingo, and free food. This is a fundraiser for Art in the Hollow, an art festival in Swede Hollow Park. 7:30-10:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To buy tickets online go to moundstheatre.org.

Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, March 22-31: Skylark Opera Theatre presents *Così fan tutte*. 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 in this immersive production, set in the present day.

This unique performance is presented THROUGHOUT the Historic Mounds Theatre. **Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets: \$45 general, \$43 seniors, \$40 students and MPR members (phone orders only with member ID). Tickets available from ticketworks.com or call (612) 343-3390.

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

March 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, March 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, March 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.

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 4.

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

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/3KK0010GFO5NJ. 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.

2019 Swede Hollow Winter Photo Contest!

Don't miss the fun! Photos must be taken in Swede Hollow Park between December 21, 2018, and March 23, 2019. We ask that contest participants allow their photographs be printed and sold as a fundraiser for the Friends of Swede Hollow during **Art in the Hollow on June 1, 2019.**

Submit photographs to karindupaul@comcast.net in .jpg format. Use "FOSH Winter Photo Contest" in the subject line and your contact information along with the name of your image(s) within the body of the email.

Submitted photos will be judged by the East Side Arts Council. First prize is \$75, second is \$50, and third is \$25. For more information contact karindupaul@comcast.net or call (651) 776-0550. Visit the Friends of Swede Hollow at www.friendsofswedehollow.org.

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-frogtown-and-east-st-paul>.

Accepting applications for summer employment

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation is currently hiring lifeguards for the 2019 beach and water park season. Positions are available at Battle Creek Waterworks water park and the county's five guarded swimming beaches. All positions are full-time throughout the aquatics season, which begins Saturday, June 8.

Learn more and apply online at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/content/lifeguard-applications-2019-now-open?>

Swimming not your thing? The Ponds at Battle Creek and Goodrich golf courses are currently hiring for the 2019 golf season. Positions include: Golf shop staff, bartenders, grill staff, beverage cart attendants, and junior golf volunteer instructors.

Learn more and apply online at www.golfbattlecreek.com/apply.


Attention all Dayton's Bluff residents:
Please plan to attend precinct caucuses!
Help choose our city council candidate and school board members.

Sunday, March 10, @ Harding High School
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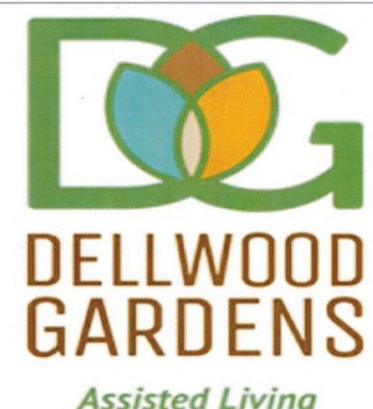
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Send your guess to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured below for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the April edition of the *Forum*.



Urban CROSS 2019

Eric Buck
Mounds Park United Methodist Church

Urban CROSS is a week of serving the Dayton's Bluff community and surrounding area, and is hosted by Dayton's Bluff Community Services and Mounds Park United Methodist Church. Each year we serve households and non-profit organizations. Projects include the likes of simple construction, yard work and landscaping, indoor and outdoor painting, cleaning, and organizing.

There are many ways you can help us help our community. We are looking for homeowners and non-profits to serve. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to work along side us with these projects. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to help with the hospitality of our "campers." We are also looking for donations of tools and supplies, as well as food for our staff.

This year's Urban CROSS is the week of June 9-15. We'd love to have you be a part of it. Please contact Eric Buck, Director of Urban CROSS, at (651)774-8736.

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.

Did you know?

Nick Duncan
Forum Staff

Did you know St Paul's largest park – bigger than Como, bigger than Phalen, bigger than Crosby – is located right in the shadow of Dayton's Bluff? You're not alone, almost no one is aware that Pig's Eye Regional Park is really a thing.

The park encompasses over 400 acres of land and the 500 acre Little Pig's Eye Lake. It is located south of Warner Road and west of Highway 61. Many people are familiar with the northern most section of the park which is near the DNR regional headquarters and accessible from Fish Hatchery Road. This part of the park includes an archery range and a paved trail connecting Battle Creek Park to the river, but that is only a small part of the entire park.

The majority of the park is much more secluded and difficult to access. The expansive Canadian Pacific/Union Pacific rail-yards bisect the park, and the only access point to the southern part of the park is literally on the other side of the tracks.

To get to the park you will need to exit Warner Road at Childs Road and turn onto Pig's Eye Road where it intersects with Childs Road underneath the Warner Road rail-

road over pass. Be careful, if you miss your turn you will end up at the water treatment plant at the end of Childs Road. Also be aware that this whole area is heavily industrial with trains and trucks traveling every which way.

If you are able to find Pig's Eye Road, it will take you across a couple sets of railroad tracks and down a barren stretch of blacktop that runs about a mile before dead ending. The only real destination point is the St Paul wood recycling center. Even on a snowy February day the truck traffic from the recycling center was steady. Pig's Eye Park is off to the left (east) just past the recycling center. The city is in the process of building a parking lot to improve access, but for now there is not much in the way of parking or even a sign announcing the park. Now you know.

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The Canadian Pacific/Union Pacific rail-yards bisecting Pig's Eye Park.

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Wednesday, March 6

12-3 p.m.: Job Search/
Computer Skills/ Open Lab

4-7 p.m.: Homework Center
(Snack 4-4:30)

6-8 p.m.:
Dayton's Bluff Book Club
March's selection:
FREE book, complimentary light dinner, & facilitated discussion

MARCH IN BOOKS!

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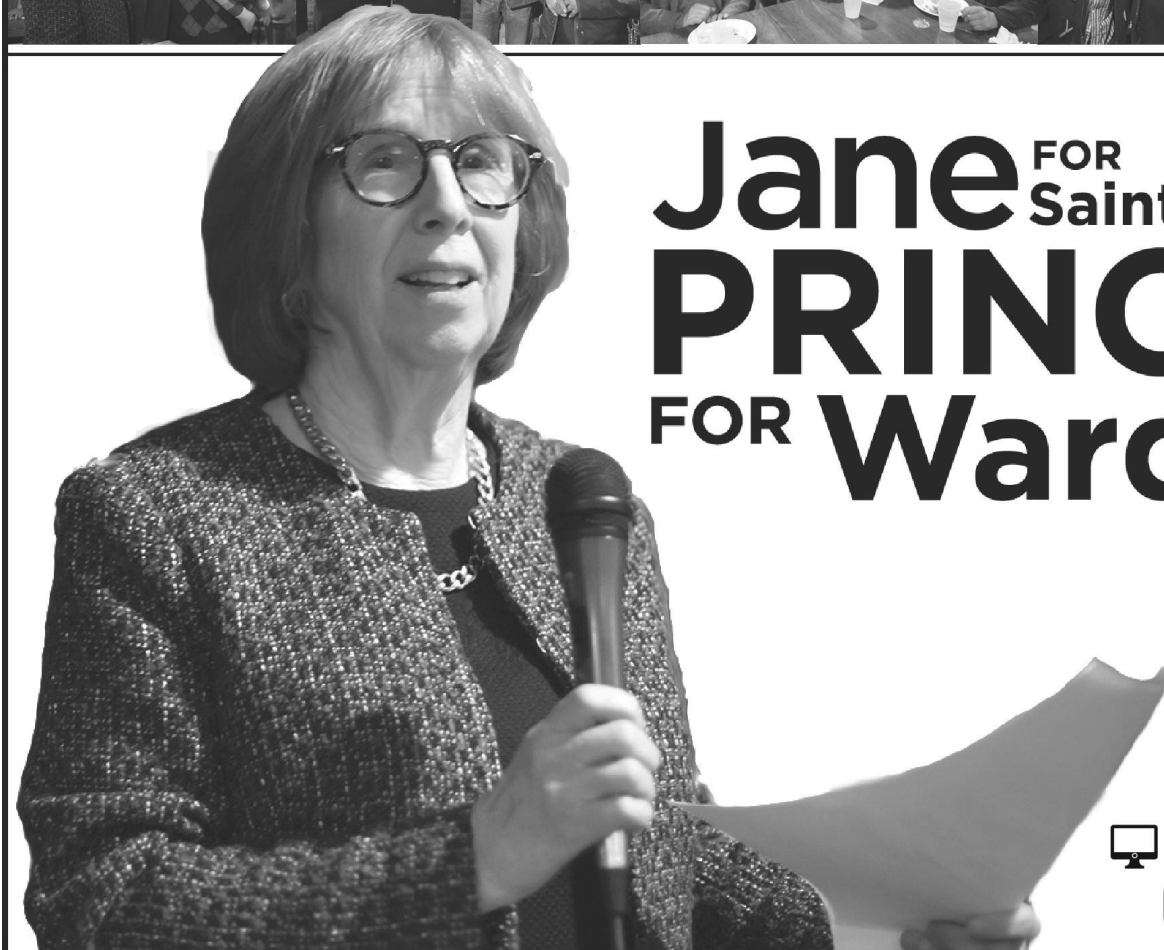
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INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



● 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.

● ELIGIBILITY

- Families making less than \$55,000 in 2018
- 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 2018 tax forms or “tax label” postcards received in the mail
- W-2 wage and earnings statements from each employer for the year 2018
- A copy of your 2017 tax return
- Any other information about your 2018 earnings including 1099-G forms stating unemployment
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Fine Free statement

Jane Prince
Ward 7 City Councilmember
Chair, Library Board

As the chair of the Saint Paul Library Board, I want to address some of the issues that have been raised about the library getting rid of fines.

When I took office in 2016, one of my East Side constituents was moved to create a spreadsheet of recreation center hours and programs across the city, with an overlay of area median income. Alas, in our city's wealthier neighborhoods, there were lots of programs and hours; in our areas of concentrated poverty, there were very few.

It immediately became evident that in those neighborhoods where people can afford to sign their kids up for teams and classes, they do. And in low income areas where families cannot afford to pay, it was hard to field a team or fill a class. Even though Parks and Recreation provided scholarships, families with barriers of poverty and language were unaware of these options.

In the name of equity, we have worked since that day to increase free and low-cost programming in areas of concentrated poverty. This included about \$100K in the last budget under Mayor Coleman, and has been tripled in the 2019 budget to over \$300K.

I start with this example, because the total revenue from library fines in an average year is about \$250K. A similar analysis to the one my constituent did on rec center hours revealed that libraries in wealthier neighborhoods, where families could afford to pay the fines, they do. But in libraries in low income neighborhoods, families who couldn't afford the fines had their cards blocked. Of the 51K+ cards blocked, the highest percentage were in areas of concentrated poverty.

Library staff spearheaded the move to consider the elimination of fines and fees and conducted the research. For the last several years, there have been no fines on children's materials. Yet, even without fines, materials have been returned at the same rate that they had been with the "incentive" of fines. I understand that the research of libraries in Minnesota and across the

country, which have eliminated fines, have had the same experience.

When library staff were invited to share their experiences at the Mayor's Library Budget Address, they said that it was clear that when a family is struggling to keep food on the table, paying library fines is a necessarily low priority. Getting to the library to return books on a timely basis is additionally challenging for a family with transportation challenges, difficult work schedules, etc.

Saint Paul happens to be one of the only cities in the metro area with poverty on the rise. Our libraries are vitally important to families in poverty to find needed resources and assistance: books, videos, music, computers, computer hot spots, homework help, computer training and certification, job seeking assistance, early childhood education and play resources, healthy snack times, story times in about 11 languages, and librarians who will help you with ANYTHING, just to name a few of the things people find there. Our libraries are constantly reinventing themselves to meet the needs of the people who walk through their doors. Faced with new immigrants who had no published books in their languages, the libraries went out and published their own.

I put the costs of eliminating fines in the same category as creating free and low-cost parks and recreation programs. When I took office in 2016, two Ward 7 recreation centers had been shuttered and one more had been demolished. For families in poverty and new immigrant families, it is vitally important for their children to have access to safe places to connect with caring adults. There are countless stories of young people who share stories of going to college, or finding a career, because someone at a library or recreation center connected them to resources or opportunities to change their lives.

I can also assure you that our library staff and board will be evaluating the ongoing impact of the new policy, particularly any impact that it has on the collection. With that information, our libraries will determine whether the policy should be tweaked or changed over time.

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The Green Book and St. Paul

Seeley Booth
Forum Contributor

There has been a lot of interest in a 2018 movie about an African American pianist and his bodyguard who took a concert road trip through the deep south in 1962. The cinema was named *Green Book*, after a real volume that helped African Americans know what places were safe and welcoming. At time of print, it is expected to win some Oscars at the February 24, 2019, Academy Awards and you might want to discover how the Green Book was connected with St. Paul.

Its official name was *The Negro Motorist Green Book* and it was created by Victor Hugo Green, a postal carrier who lived in Harlem. He was aware that African American car owners on road trips often met with many difficulties including refusals of service at restaurants, hotels, and service stations.

In 1936, Green decided to produce a *Green Book* for the New York metropolitan area and that was so successful, it went national the following year. Green used his connections with the National Association of Letter Carriers to find families who would rent a room, businesses that were friendly, and those who

hired African Americans.

I thought it might be interesting to see if St. Paul was included. I dropped by the East Side Freedom Library on the chance they might have one in their collection. Actually, they had two - one original and one recent reprint. You can see them for yourself, but you have to read them at the East Side Freedom Library, located at 1105 Greenbrier Street. I also found out that the downtown library and the Rondo library have copies that can be checked out.

Here's what I discovered in the 1940 edition of the Green Book: Under the St. Paul heading of "tourist homes" (people who would take others into their homes) there was Reuben Floyd who lived at 379 Carroll Street. One restaurant was noted, the G&G Bar-B-Q at 313

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"The Barber Queen"**

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As the owner of Mounds Park Barbers for over 30 years, Judy Lee has relied financially on her ability to stand for hours and work magic with her hands, clippers, and scissors. A recent health issue has temporarily closed her small business. For now she is unable to work.

This is why Judy's friends have planned a benefit for her, to help alleviate the financial stress while she focuses on her recovery.

On **Saturday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, please join us at the Saint Paul Saloon (1045 Hudson Road) for an afternoon of celebrating the "Barber Queen!" Festivities include: bake sale, gift baskets, silent auction, wine pull, 50/50's, plus \$10 spaghetti dinner with one complimentary rail drink or domestic beer.




Photo submitted

Judy Lee "The Barber Queen."

Advance tickets for the spaghetti dinner can be purchased for \$10 at the Saint Paul Saloon from Geo or Shellie. For donations contact Marie at mariepeak@yahoo.com or 651-367-4419. Check out our Facebook event: "Barber Queen: A Benefit for Judy Lee."

Rondo Street.

There were quite a few more spots in the 1954 guide: Tourist homes listed Villa Wilson at 697 St. Anthony, a four-bedroom house that is still there. The G&G Restaurant was still in the guide book but had moved to 291 North St. Albans, and also Jim's at St. Anthony and Kent. Gardner's Service Station located at Western and Central was noted, as was Milligan's Garage at 1008 Rondo, and a tailor at 1597 University Avenue. There were now several liquor stores: Bond, at 471 Wabasha, First, at Robert and Fifth, Commerce, at 2163 Ford Parkway, Seven Corners, at 158 West 7th, and Jack's, at 517 Wabasha.

The Green Book ceased publication in 1966, possibly because of the somewhat friendly Civil Rights Act of 1964. In the 1954 Green Book, its creator had written "There will be a day sometime in the near future when this guide will not have to be published. That is when we as a race will have equal rights and privileges in the United States." Maybe he saw that this was starting to happen, but what do you think? Go to nysarchivestrust.org/application/files/5115/4723/8527/archivesmag_winter2019.pdf for a good online article on the Green Book if you'd like to know more.

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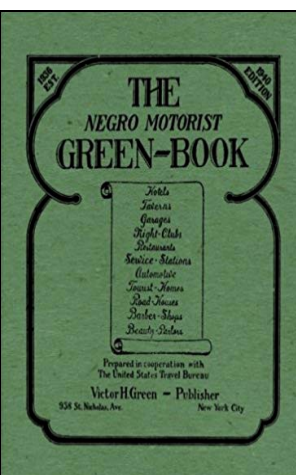


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Front cover of the 1940 Negro Motorist Green Book.

Celebrating Women's History Month: Some noted Dayton's Bluff women

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

I wanted to do something special for this month's history article. So, I decided to go to the Minnesota Historical Society and check out the *Who's Who of Minnesota Women* that was published in 1924. I found that there were several people with Dayton's Bluff connections and a few from other parts of the East Side and wanted to share my finds in the Forum.

First, some context on the development of women's history research. According to a few articles I read, there were at least three stages. When the women's liberation movement of the 1960s and 1970s developed they looked to the past. The first approach was searching out "Women Worthies," those whose important contributions were accomplished in a male dominated society. They may have been overlooked and needed to be rediscovered and were put on posters in schools.

After a time came what is known as the "oppression-oriented" stage, when history pointed out that women were kept from being "important" but this did not change the way of determining what was meant by "important." A third approach, sometimes called "woman-centered history," decided to rethink importance. This stage looked at what women did to improve the lives of themselves, children, and society as a whole working with other women. During this time, women's clubs were established, society worked to create institutions to help young mothers, impoverished veterans, and tried to deal with social maladies. The following are some of the Dayton's Bluff women whose biographies were published in the *Who's Who of Minnesota Women*.

Clara Linz Bergmeier grew up in St. Paul and was educated in the city schools. She married William F. Bergmeier, a successful businessman, in 1890. She traveled in Europe and engaged in philanthropy. She was a member of the Dayton's Bluff Mother's Club for many years, as well as Associated Charities, and the Civic League. Clara worked as the secretary and treasurer of the Volkszeitung Printing and Publishing Company, a St. Paul daily German-language newspaper that was headed by her husband. When he died in 1905, she took charge for the next 18 years, acquired an office for the paper at Third and Jackson, and printed several issues of what was known as the *St. Paul City Guide*. This

makes her one of the "Women Worthies."

Nellie E. McCall was born in Wisconsin, one of six girls and all but one of them became teachers. She worked at the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* for 10 years and was an ardent club woman. McCall was president of the Garfield Women's Relief Corps, was elected president of State Federation of Fraternal Women, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Order of Railway Conductors, belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star, the Women's City Club, and the Chautauqua of Dayton's Bluff. She organized the Wimaudosis Club, comprised of women in the Fourth District Federation, which raised money for veterans of all wars through the sale of cookbooks that were edited by McCall. As a Suffragist and member of the League of Women Voters, she fits in with the history of fighting oppression.

Hannah Ryan McGee was born in Milwaukee, one of 15 children, and came to St. Paul where she became a teacher at Van Buren Elementary, a predecessor of today's Dayton's Bluff Elementary. In 1893, she married Charles McGee, who was the school's principal, and quit teaching for a time. After he died, she returned to the classroom and was later appointed principal of Hill-Ramsey School. She was eventually appointed a principal of J. J. Hill in 1906, where she served until 1922 when she died of pneumonia. The *Who's Who* book said that Hannah was "A woman with a keen sense of civic responsibly, a broad social vision, and generous sympathies." She and Carrie Johnston Keller below are good finds for those seeking out "woman-centered" history.

Carrie Johnston Keller was raised in Wabasha, Minnesota, and when she came to St. Paul, worked many years as a record keeper for Ladies of Maccabees. She married Herbert Keller, a politician from Dayton's Bluff who became a St. Paul Mayor. The *Who's Who* said she was "Active in club work, social welfare, civic activity and education." She was a president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club and worked with the Eichenwald Branch of the Sunshine Society. Carrie was also Treasurer of the Fourth District Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs, the local chair of the National Council of Defense and the Victory Liberty Loan during World War I, Tag Day chairman for many years, headed The Auxiliary to the Lion's Club Republican Woman's Club, and worked to create a state reformatory for incarcerated women. She was also Chairman of the National Convention of Saengerbund, a German choral society.

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Photo courtesy of Linz family archives

Clara Linz Bergmeier, circa 1891.

World Wide Holidays: March edition

Temperance Brennan
Forum Contributor

The response to my first holidays article in the February Forum was so good that this anthropologist decided to do another article that might be timely. I know that St. Patrick's Day is a favorite time for March, but for a change, why not check out the countries below and maybe have a party that includes some of their culture? Why not try to make a Liberian palava sauce, listen to some Greek music, try to find some Red Rooster Beer made in Palau, read Persian poetry, or plant a tree?

March 2: Tree Planting Day. On

"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 message 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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this national holiday, people across North Korea plant trees.

March 5: Custom Chief's Day of Vanuatu. This country observes the holiday to recognize the power of Chieftains (locally known as "Jifs") on matters concerning politics, economy, and judiciary, among other things. This South Pacific Ocean nation is made up of roughly 80 islands that stretch over 1,300 kilometers - about 808 miles.

March 13: Decoration Day. On this day, Liberians refurbish the graves of family members. It was introduced to the public of Liberia in 1916, to have a time for communing with family spirits.

March 16: Youth Day. One of the most important holidays of the small Micronesian island country of Palau focuses on celebrating the role of youth in shaping Palau society. The holiday raises awareness about the im-

portance of early integration of young people in public service.

March 20: Oil Nationalization Day. This day marks the anniversary of the nationalization of the oil industry in Iran in 1951, when members of the country's parliament voted for the new arrangement. This put an end to Britain's 40-year monopoly over the oil in Iran.

March 25: Independence Day in Greece. This is a holiday that has blended with an older festival - the Feast of the Annunciation, and the time in 1821 when the Greeks rose up against the Ottoman Empire that had occupied their land for almost 400 years, leading to the war of independence.

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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!



Edna Stevens/Universal Dance Destiny

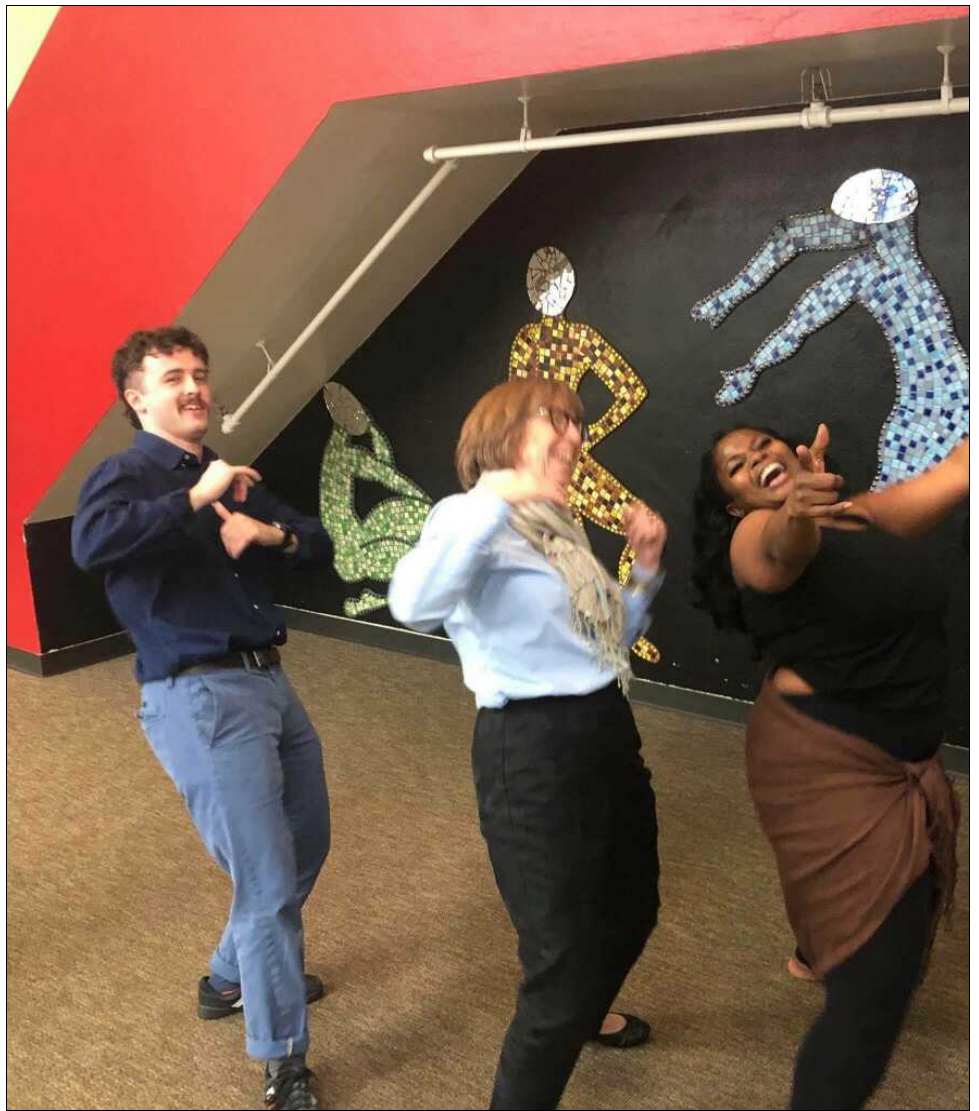
Pictured above and below: Ward 7 City Council Member Jane Prince took to the dance floor at the Historic Mounds Theatre with choreographer Edna Stevens of Universal Dance Destiny to prove that politics can be fun!

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Pictured at left are Mary Petrie and her travel companion, John, visiting the National Gallery in London with their copy of the *Forum* in tow. Photo submitted by Mary Petrie.



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