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"The Voice of the Community"

It's Official—The Forum is Historic

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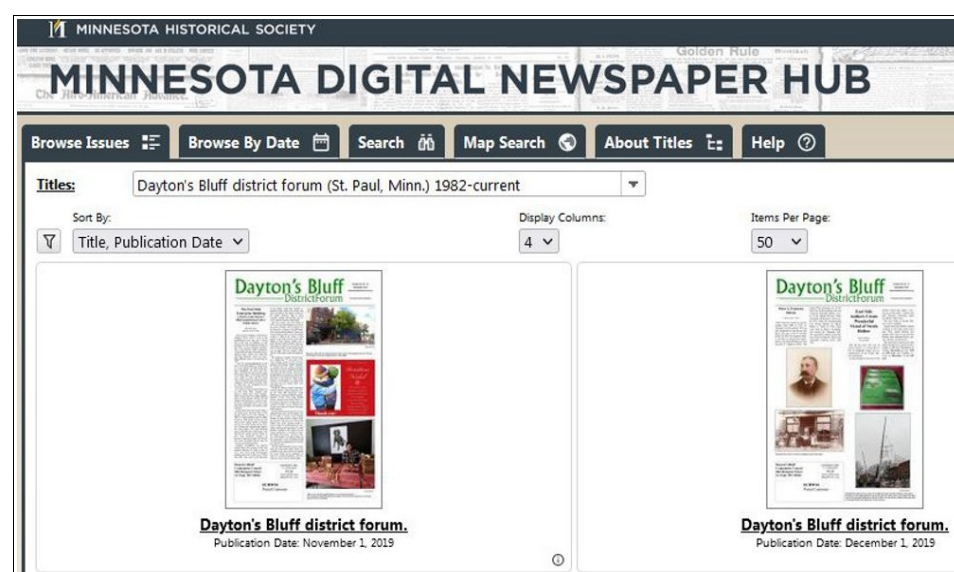
The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* has been available online in one format or another and on various websites since the year 2000. It now has an additional home that is truly historic and should be around forever, give or take a day.

The Minnesota Historical Society has recently added the *Forum* to its Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub. The *Forum* joins hundreds of other Minnesota newspapers which are also available on the Hub, some of which date back to before Minnesota became a state in 1858. The Hub can be found at mnhs.org/newspapers/hub.

A brief history of Dayton's Bluff news-

papers may be useful at this point. The *Forum* was first published in 1982 and ran through 1994. At that time the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, then known as the Dayton's Bluff Center for Civic Life, decided to publish its own newspaper, the *Dayton's Bluff Press*. It ran from 1995 to mid 1996. The *Forum* was then resurrected in August 2000 and is still being published. There was also another newspaper, the *Dayton's Bluff News*, that was published in the 1970s and early 1980s.

Maybe someday these other Dayton's Bluff newspapers, as well as the first incarnation of the *Forum*, will also be available online from the Minnesota Historical Society. But for now, every issue of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* published, either in print form or online, from August 2000 through December 2022 can be found on the Hub at mnhs.org/newspapers/hub/dayton-s-bluff-district-forum.



St. Paul Parks Clean-Up Slated for April 22

Karin DuPaul

It's that time of year where we get together to clean up our parks before the summer months.

The clean up will run from **9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.**

The Friends of Swede Hollow are meeting at those times and are having everyone gather at Greenbrier and Margaret Streets or at the bottom of the staircase to get your bags and gloves.

All other city parks will be participating, so if you have a favorite park, go clean up!

April Events and Classes Happening at Rec Centers in the Area

April 3, \$5, For ages 6-13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Spring Break Madness — Disney Music, Battle Creek — Participants will enjoy some karaoke, dance, instruments, arts, and crafts. Bring an instrument if you have one!

April 4, \$5, For ages 6-13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Spring Break Madness — Disney Under the Sea, Battle Creek — Participants will make sea creatures, learn about mermaids, and more!

April 5, \$5, For ages 6-13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Spring Break Madness — STEM Day, Battle Creek — Participants will create and design their own puppets. They will put on a show for their peers and create a story.

April 6, \$5, For ages 6-13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Spring Break Madness — Talent Show, Battle Creek — Participants will create and design their own puppets. They will put on a show for their peers and create a story.

April 7, \$5, For ages 6-13, 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Spring Break Madness — Puppet Show Day, Battle Creek — Participants will create and design their own puppets. They will put on a show for their peers and create a story.

April 11, \$25, For ages 3-6, 10 a.m.-noon; Preschool Camp, Battle Creek — Camp will consist of educational activities, arts and crafts, science projects, gym, and sensory play. Snack will be provided.

April 13, Free, For ages 8-15, 5:30-7 p.m.; Yummy Snacks & Healthy Treats, Duluth and Case — Youth will have fun making and baking a variety of healthy snacks and treats and learn how to plan and follow recipes.

April 14, \$5, For ages 5-13, 6-8 p.m.; Parent/Child Dance, Battle Creek — Come join us for this Special Event! Enjoy the music with your special guest! All Moms, Dads and Guardians are welcome to accompany their child. If you need a chaperone, one can be provided. The deadline to register is March 31.

April 18-May 16, Free, For ages 7-16, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; Hip Hop Dance Class, Duluth and Case — Youth will have fun learning Hip Hop dance moves and techniques from a trained dance instructor from Universal Dance Destiny.

April 21, \$18, For ages 2-7, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Playdate with Mom — Love You to the Moon, Battle Creek — In honor of Mother's Day, spend some creative time with your child. How many times have you said "Love you to the moon and back." to your child? In this class you and your young artist will create an adorable wall hanging inspired by this popular endearment. What a great keepsake! Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

April 24-May 22, Free, For ages 10-15, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Hmong Stitching, Duluth and Case — Come learn the art of Hmong sewing in this traditional Hmong Stitching class.

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Medical Assistance Enrollees: Update Your Contact Information and Watch for Renewal Packets

Ramsey County

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all Medical Assistance (MA) participants nationwide were eligible for continuous health care coverage. This meant enrollees did not have to renew their MA benefits each year, and counties did not take action on reported changes to enrollees' circumstances that would make them ineligible for MA, like a new job or increase in income.

In late December 2022, Congress passed legislation requiring states to return to standard eligibility procedures, which will require all MA participants to complete annual renewal applications as before. This is referred to as "unwinding" the continuous health coverage.

The challenges of resuming renewals

With the caseload growth during the past few years, resuming renewals and returning to standard eligibility procedures will result in an unprecedented volume of work that has never occurred in the program's history. Leaders from across the country expect that this will create the biggest challenge to health care coverage since implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Resuming the renewal process will be

particularly difficult because many enrollees have likely moved, changed jobs, or experienced other changes that must be considered in the renewal process. Those who gained coverage during the pandemic are unfamiliar with the renewal process. New workers have never processed renewals and it has been about three years since experienced workers have processed renewals.

Pre-renewal notices were sent out in late March.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) begins mailing pre-renewal notices to enrollees on Thursday, March 23, followed by renewal packets in May. The resumption of renewals begins with enrollees who have a renewal scheduled for July. This means the first group of residents/enrollees will be subject to MA closure on Friday, June 30.

This process will continue for the next 14 months. If enrollees are unsure about their renewal month and work with a managed health care organization like MinnesotaCare Blue Plus, they can contact their member services directly rather than Financial Assistance Services.

DHS is currently running a campaign for residents to report any changes to their mailing address as soon as possible. This will help ensure MA enrollees receive their notices and renewal forms. It is critical that all MA enrollees have current mailing addresses in the system, and they send renewal forms and any required verifications in right away to avoid any gaps in their medical coverage.

Enrollees should visit the DHS' website (translated in multiple languages) and sign up to receive email alerts and report any address changes.



April Easter Events Happening In the Cities

Family Fun Twin Cities

April 1, 1-3 p.m.; Free; Harrison Spring Egg Hunt — Family-friendly fun, including springtime activities, games, giveaways, and an egg hunt. Activities are best for ages 1 – 12, but all families are welcome. Located at: *Harrison Park, 503 Irving Ave N., Minneapolis.*

April 1, 1-4 p.m.; Free; The Giant Egg Hunt — This annual event will also have carnival games, activities, and giveaways. Drop-in, no registration. Located at: *McDonough Recreation Center, 1554 Timberlake Rd., Saint Paul*

April 4, 5-6:30 p.m.; Free; Hop Along the Bunny Trail — Follow the bunny trail to spot bunnies hidden at this fun event, then decorate your bunny before taking it home. For ages 5-17. Located at: *East Phillips Park, 2399 17th Ave S, Minneapolis.*

April 8, 9-10:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.; \$15; Easter Egg Hunt at the Castle — An Easter egg hunt in a castle! Hunt high and low for colorful eggs hidden in nooks and crannies in the Turnblad Mansion. Register for one of two sessions. Located

at: *American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis.*

April 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; \$6; Bunny Party & Egg Hunt — While Windom Park hosts the bigger kids, Audubon Park hosts a fun-filled morning for kids ages 6 and under, which includes an Egg Hunt, crafts, and breakfast goodies. Egg Hunt is at 11am. Pre-registration is required to receive a treat bag. Located at: *Audubon Park Rec Centers, 1320 29th Ave. NE, Minneapolis.*

April 8, noon-2 p.m.; Free; Bunny Party & Egg Hunt — Windom Park hosts ages 7-12 with games, a bounce house, children's egg hunt, and more. (See Audubon Park for the little kids). Registration Required. Located at: *Windom Park NE, 2251 Hayes Street N.E., Minneapolis.*

April 8, 10 a.m.-noon; Free; Phalen Eggstravaganza — Egg hunts by age for crawlers through fifth grade, crafts, spin art, field games, photographs with the Easter Bunny. All Ages. Located at: *Phalen Recreation Center, 1000 E. Wheelock, Saint Paul.*

April 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Free for egg hunt, \$5-\$8 for brunch; Bunny Brunch and Egg Hunt — Begin the day with a bunny brunch consisting of pancakes, fruit, and beverages. Egg Hunts for different age groups at 11 a.m. (ages 0-5), 11:15 a.m. (ages 6-12) and 11:30 a.m. (ages 13+). Pre-registration required. Located at: *Sibley Rec Center, 1900 E 40th St. Minneapolis.*

April 8, 10 a.m.-noon; Free; Annual Spring Egg Hunt — Egg hunts in the park with two different age categories at 11 and 11:45 a.m., includes snacks, egg decorating and baskets, tissue paper flowers, and spin art. Register for

the Van Cleve spring hunt. Located at: *Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis*

April 8, noon-3 p.m.; Free; Fairview Spring Egg Hunt — Plenty of activities to celebrate spring, including games, giveaways, food, and an exciting egg hunt. This event is for all ages but activities are designed for ages 1 – 12. All families are welcome. Located at: *Fairview*

Park, 621 N 29th Ave., Minneapolis.

April 8, 10 a.m.-noon; Free; Kids Easter Egg Hunt — Live music, egg coloring, bunny photos (bring your own camera), balloon art, kids crafts, and egg hunt. Located at: *Midtown Global Market, Lake Street and 10th Avenue South, Minneapolis.*

April 8, 10 a.m.-noon; Free; Mill City Church Northeast Easter Egg Hunt — All are welcome to join in the annual hunt with check-in at 10 a.m. Located at: *Logan Park, 690 13th Ave. NE, Minneapolis*

April 14, 4:30-6 p.m.; \$5; Stewart Park Egg Hunt Night — A fun evening outside – families will design their own eggs. Bring a basket to collect them. Arts & crafts, games, and prizes. Registration required. Located at: *Stewart Park, 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis.*

April 15, 1-3 p.m.; \$10-15; Eggcellent Doggy Adventure — Bring your dog to the park for an egg hunt and take home a basket for your pet. All Ages. Located at: *McRae Park, 906 E 47th St, Minneapolis.*

For more information about these events and to register, go to familyfuntwincities.com/twin-cities-easter-egg-hunts/.

Note: There will be more events added to the website in the next few weeks. Check back on the website for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

The mission of the Friends of Swede Hollow is to protect the natural beauty of Swede Hollow Park and remember its past.

Friends of Swede Hollow will hold their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 651-776-0550.

The next Friends of Swede Hollow Meeting will be held on **April 18**.

Preliminary plans for 2023 events in the Park will be discussed. The Friends of Swede Hollow Facebook Group is an excellent resource for Park updates and neighborhood events.

For more information, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

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 31 at 11 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

We are currently meeting at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into neighborhoods.

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

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts 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 meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Policing meetings are held at **9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call or email Robyn at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds can help single folks, too.

Here is a list of agencies that help with deposit and/or rent assistance through FHPAP:

Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500
MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
American Indian Family Center: 651-793-3803, CLUES: 612-746-3550,
YMCA: 763-493-3052, Face-to-Face: 651-224-9644

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 just launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999 .

Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for *anything*, call 811. At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to make sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines...and everyone is safe!

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is inviting everyone to attend the Annual Meeting on **Monday, April 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.

Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters!

Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, open discussion with your neighbors, and board members. Looking forward to seeing you and serving your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you're behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SM-

RLS will provide one.

Hours: **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.**

April 20 -22: Nudie Nudies Nationwide. See website for details.



THE HISTORIC
MOUNDS
THEATRE

April 28 & 29 and May 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 & 13: No Small Parts. Have you ever wondered what the actors in the back-grounds of musicals are going through? Meet Bernice and Betty, and the rest of the ensemble of Hills of Love. This play is a funny, cute, and heartwarming musical of why these actors do what they do. All performances at **7:30 p.m.** except Sunday **May 7 at 2:00 p.m.** Tickets: General Admission \$15 (including fees).

May 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 & 27: Mueyehpen. Based on a folktale that has been passed down for generations by the Karen people of Burma, the play tells the story of Mueyehpen, a woman with supernatural powers who sacrificed for her people.

This is her story of resilience and resistance, which lives on today. All performances at **7:30 p.m.** except Sunday **May 21 at 4:00 p.m.** Tickets: General Admission \$17 (sale ends on May 19); \$22 (after May 19).

Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get more information on upcoming events. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historic-moundstheatre@gmail.com.

Community Garden Plots Available

Skidmore Park Community Garden has 24 raised bed plots that are available to the public. Located near Earl Street and East 4th Street. Cost is \$20 per season. Grants are available. For more information or to request an application, email Steve at SkidmoreGarden@gmail.com.

Bits and Pieces

G.B. LeRoy

Here are a few things I found, mostly on-line. They are a mixture of East Side and St. Paul findings. Here's hoping you might be interested.

From the *Pioneer Press*, reporting that the founder of Kendall's Ace Hardware on Payne Avenue will be stepping aside and family members will take over. Here is part of what the local newspaper said: "With little more than a high school education, Kendall Crosby bought his first hardware store on St. Paul's Dale Street in 1992, followed in 2005 by a second shop at Payne and Maryland Avenues that had been run by Bill and Gladys Godwin, near-legends among the neighborhood locals."

Restaurant coming and goings: After several decades, the owner of Angelo's Pizza's located at 1668 White Bear N. stated that he was closing up and moving on to other endeavors. Times had recently been tough, but he was happy of the restaurants long history of serving the patrons. There have been rumors that another pizza owner might be interested in taking over.

Now for good news. I was afraid that the Insane Vegan on Arcade Street was going to close its doors. For a couple of weeks, I saw a "Closed" sign on the front window. I was not sure what was happening, but the vegan restaurant is now open again.

Education Minnesota has named 33 semifinalists for its state teacher of the year award. Semifinalists from St. Paul Public Schools are Molly Keenan of Harding High School and Sorcha Nix of Open World Learning and Fathimath (Eliza) Rasheed of Global Arts Plus upper campus. A panel soon will pare the list to several finalists before a winner is named May 7 in St. Paul.



Greg Cosimini

The second of three Evie electric vehicle charging and carshare stations planned for Dayton's Bluff is now operational. It is located at Conway and Maple Sts. in front of the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center. The first one is at Margaret St. near Hope. Neither of them had any rental cars as of mid March but they should return when the snow is gone. Construction of the third Evie station located at Bates Ave. and E. 7th Street began last fall and will be completed in spring. For more information on the Evie carshare program visit eviecarshare.com.

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Save the Date for Art in the Hollow

Mark your calendar, Art in the Hollow will be on **June 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** in Swede Hollow Park.

For more information call 651-776-0550.

Come find this hidden gem of St. Paul's park system, and we'll open the summer by filling the park with local art! You can park your car at Saint Paul Brewing and wander through the reimagined ruins of city history en route to the park, winding the path under the shadow of the old Hamm Brewery buildings. You'll find art, nature, food, history, and community!

April Events Happening in Ramsey County

April 1, noon-1:30 p.m.; Power Within Us — Power Within Us helps support young adults who are currently on probation in Ramsey County connect to paid job training and education programs.

April 3, 17, 12:15 p.m.; St. Paul City Hall-Ramsey County Courthouse Tour — Hour-long public tours are offered twice a month of Saint Paul City Hall-Ramsey County Courthouse, a 21-story art deco high-rise.

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 1-4 p.m.; Housing & Conciliation Court Self-Help Center — Free legal consultation from volunteer attorneys is available for those with Conciliation and Housing Court issues.

April 4, 4-5:30 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.; Power Within Us — Power Within Us helps support young adults who are currently on probation in Ramsey County connect to paid job training and education programs.

April 10, 24, 1-2 p.m.; Virtual Job Club — Career Direction: assessments and job searching tips.

April 11, 25, 11 a.m.; Union Depot Tour — Tour Union Depot to learn about the history, recent renovation, sustainability initiatives, expanding transit options and much more.

April 12, 11 a.m.-noon; Youth Works! Orientation — Come learn about Youth Works!, a county-wide youth employment partnership initiative.

April 22, 9 a.m.-noon; Earth Day Clean Up and Garden Work Day — Help us celebrate Earth Day and give back to our planet by volunteering.

April 29, 8 a.m.; Spring Bird Discovery Hike — Join our experienced birding volunteers to learn about birds of the area.

For more information about these events, go to ramseycounty.us/calendar and choose April dates on the left-hand side.

View From My Porch

Be the Person You Needed as a Child

Sage Holben

Experiencing our freeze, thaw, freeze transition from winter to spring this year, I can't help but think of the antique infrastructure of sewer and water system below our city streets. The thought of pipes bursting from age and deterioration unnerves me. Several years ago, I arrived home after work to hear rushing water inside my apartment and then stepped into an inch of water in my kitchen. A toilet gasket had broken, and water was now flooding my kitchen and flowing into my living room and bedroom. I'm still living with a warped floor. I now cringe imagining deluged streets or a flooded basement.

Infrastructure. Whatever the original quality of material, it has to be maintained, even improved as it ages in place. That made me think of children, who become suspect as they enter early teens and known as juveniles, already with the understood "delinquent" connotation. How much does this process form the child into something he is not, nor meant to be? Do you know children who grew up hearing variations of: "You are stupid, dumb, ugly. You can't do anything right."

Have you known a child in your neighborhood who seemed to wander aimlessly, perhaps not knowing what to do, no supervised rec center, sport involvement, imagination to share with a friend? Activities exist, but they often require adult permission, transportation, financial registration, or oversight of a parent/adult. Though we, the onlooker, the neighbor, the relative, the person up the street, may not owe our time to that child — we all have something more important to do, right? What would it take to be at eye level with a child of any age, and kindly ask how is your day, how are you doing? Share a quiet time on your stoop. Toss a ball around with the child. Be consistent. Be available. Would s/he like to help rake a garden? Play a board game on your porch?

Children from three to late teens, when they are actively engaged, taking the emphasis off themselves as they talk, open up and share their feelings. Listen.

I was one of those children whose parents said, "You're ugly. You should never have been born." My brother and I went about our days without supervision — we vandalized cars and broke into locked warehouses. We didn't understand that we were destructive. We were curious about how things were put together. We didn't break windows to illegally enter; we found unlocked doors or windows. Our parents weren't home, and we were eight to 14 when we did this. It was in the 1950s.

Different times, yes. Also, throughout these years a few different people gave me something so unforgettably precious — a piece of themselves. In Addison, Illinois at "The Yellow Cottages", Mrs. Wojack, in the dark evening when my parents were at work, welcomed me to visit with her as her young children slept and she hand stitched her children's clothes. A TV music variety show was playing quietly in the background. I don't remember what we talked about. Perhaps we didn't; a quiet, safe place with a caring adult was what I needed.

In Bloomingdale Elementary, Mrs. Winifred Gravrok, my seventh grade teacher, discreetly had me stay after school on occasion — to talk and listen as she erased the blackboards and put the room in order. Sometimes she gave me a bag of clothes that her daughter had outgrown. My home life was turbulent and I really wonder how much she actually knew. Her respect, kindness, reassurance, and time kept me sane and alive.

There were other adults who recognized my needs and worth. I think of that when children such as Kenchi or Nervea come to read or chat on my porch; when children ask if they can help with a garden; or when it's up to me to intervene when a kid is car-shopping on the street. A few basic truths which all kids deserve from me, the adult: respecting their humanity, eye contact confirming "I see you"; respectfully holding them accountable and responsible when they do harm. Essentially, "to be the person I needed as a child."

Note: The quote "Be the person you needed as a child" is attributed to Ayesha Siddiq, political commentator and writer.

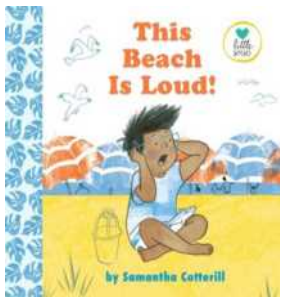
Kids Corner

Suggested Titles by Dayton's Bluff Library Staff

Did you know April is Autism Acceptance Month? According to the Autism Society of Minnesota, one in 36 people in Minnesota are on the autism spectrum. At the library this month, we'll be sharing resources to learn more about autism for folks of all ages. Here are a few picture books that feature characters who are autistic or who have sensory processing disorders, a condition that commonly co-occurs with autism.

This Beach is Loud! By Samantha Cotterill

A young boy can't wait to go to the beach — but when he and his dad finally get there, he's overwhelmed. The beach is loud and busy, and the sand is scratchy and uncomfortable. Soon, all he wants is to go home. But with a little help from his dad, he's able to take some deep breaths, get himself settled, and find a way to enjoy the beach in his own way.



Oona and the Shark by Kelly DiPucchio

Oona wants to befriend the shark, but her usual friendly tactics don't seem to be working. She thinks if she can get the shark's attention with loud noises and fun activities, they can be friends — but all the shark wants is quiet companionship. Can Oona figure out a new way to make a friend?

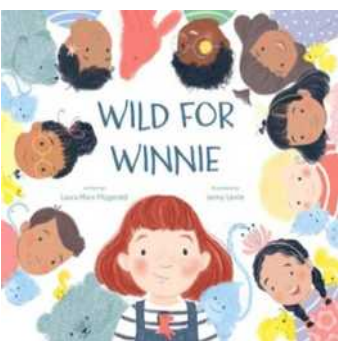
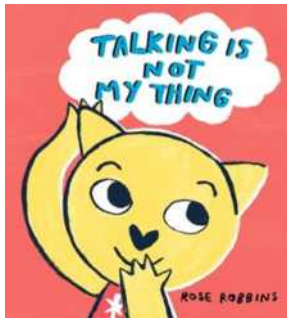
Talking is Not My Thing by Rose Robbins

Some people on the autism spectrum are "non-verbal," meaning they don't usually communicate through speaking. This book presents a sweet story between a sister who doesn't speak, and her brother who has learned to understand her unique ways of communicating.



Wild for Winnie by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

When Winnie joins a new class, the other students aren't sure what to make of her and her unusual behavior. The teacher suggests that maybe Winnie sees and experiences the world in a different way than they do, and that maybe they should all try seeing the world like she does.



Stop by the library to check out these books and to get more information on autism and sensory processing disorders in children and adults!



Steve Trimble

On March 4, 2023 there was an art event in the CLUES building at 797 E. East 7th Street. It was named "Creadoras Sanando" that in English is "Creating Healing." It hosted the work of five different local Latina artists. The program said that "The event was created for the International Women's Day for those who are marginalized as a result of the artist's visions, experiences and ideas."

On Climate Justice: Prepare for Flood Season

Ramsey County

Climate change, flooding and equity: As climate change leads to periods of heavy and frequent rain as well as sudden snowmelt, Ramsey County will experience more flooding. According to maps produced by the First Street Foundation, about 9% of properties in the county are at risk of being severely affected by flooding. It is most often low-income, Black/African American, American Indian, and other underrepresented communities who live in areas prone to flooding. These populations are least likely to have flood insurance, access to transportation during an evacuation, cash on hand, or the ability to relocate.



Flooding and health: The most obvious health impacts of flooding are injury or death during the flood event, however people's health often suffers even after the rain has passed and water subsided.

Floods can contaminate drinking water and food supplies with sewage or hazardous waste, leading to illness and worsening food insecurity. Moisture from flooding can encourage mold growth worsening respiratory illness and asthma. The trauma, property damage, and economic stress that floods bring can worsen mental health conditions.

What you can do: You can help prevent or reduce flood damage to your property by keeping gutters clear of debris, elevating indoor utilities (like furnaces and water heaters) to protect them from flood water, adopting a storm drain in your community, and practicing alternative land management strategies in your yard. Ramsey County emergency management offers tips for preparing and cleaning up flooded property too. You can also contact your elected officials to advocate for sustainable development, ecologically diverse landscapes, water-permeable surfaces, and other sustainable stormwater infrastructure.

Photo provided by Clean Water Minnesota



@Dayton's Bluff District Forum

Join us!
 for Easter Breakfast
 8:30am and
 Easter Worship
 10:30am ~ April 9
 (and every Sunday at 10:30am)
 1049 Euclid St.
 St Paul 55106

Sunday services also live-streamed at: moundsparkumc.org

Multi-Lingual All Church Service
 March 26 ~ 10:30am

Good Friday
 April 7 ~ 7:00pm

Easter
 April 9 ~ 10:30am

Adult Sunday School
 9:15am

Confirmation Class
 Sunday ~ 4pm

Our new Children's Ministry is coming soon ~ check it out!

Mounds Park United Methodist Church
 Sharing the love of Christ with our community • moundsparkumc.org

What's Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library?

Talk to a social worker at the library. Every fourth Friday of the month from 1-3 p.m., Carolyn Hockey will be available for appointments and drop-ins, as time allows. Carolyn can provide one-to-one assistance and referrals for shelter and housing options, mental health and short-term counseling, food and SNAP benefits, government resources, community resources, and legal resources. You can request an appointment at sapl.org/library-social-worker-assistance or by phone at 651-280-2190 or email at Carolyn.Hockey@wilder.org

Help us celebrate National Poetry Month. Starting April 1, **Poetry Trading Cards** will be available and free to take. Take the first card that catches your eye or collect all 27. From the Sufi poets of the 13th century to contemporary Twin Cities writers, Poetry Trading Cards were designed for readers of all ages and preferences to see something familiar and find something new.

Join us for **Pokémon Camp**, on April 1 from 2-4 p.m. where kids can show their creativity with several Pokémon-themed crafting stations. This is a free event for kids ages 7-12, no registration required. Events are free, but space is limited, so come early to enjoy the fun! This program is made possible by Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds.

Storytime is back! Join us every Wednesday from 2:30-3 p.m. where we will read a picture book and sing together.

er. This storytime is planned with preschool age children in mind, but children of all ages are welcome to join us.

Teen Tuesdays @Dayton's Bluff library: Join us every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8 p.m. for a safe and fun space to hang out, eat snacks, and meet new people. Stop in for Dungeons and Dragons on April 4 and 18, Teens Know Best Book Club on April 11, and Teen Writers' Guild on April 25.

Teen Writers' Guild (TWG) is a group for teens to encourage each other in their writing, edit and critique one another's work, and grow as writers. Meetings will include 30 minutes of learning the craft of writing. Then we will spend time sharing and critiquing. TWG will meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday at Dayton's Bluff Library from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Meetings are safe spaces.

Dayton's Bluff Library Hours
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 Fridays & Saturdays
 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Current hours are available online at <http://sapl.org/locations/DB/> or call 651-793-1699.

Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, is a public library branch located inside the Metro State University Library and Learning Center. We are open six days a week offering books, movies, music, internet stations, programs and services for all ages. The outdoor book drop is always open.

Lead Free Water Service Program on the East Side

Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council

The Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council (DBCC) is partnering with the City of St. Paul's Lead Free Water Service program to ensure that East Side residents have access to lead-free water. St. Paul staff have been trying to reach the residents on Minnehaha Avenue (902-2249 Minnehaha Ave. E.) to have their lead pipes replaced at no cost to the resident. The work for this project will

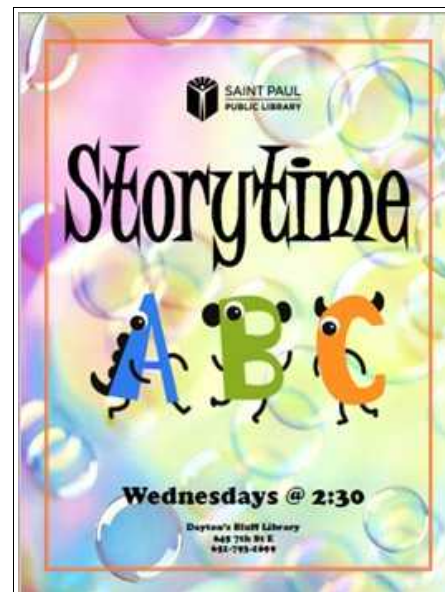
begin this spring, and they need signed agreements and accurate contact information from eligible customers as soon as possible. Once construction begins, this no-cost offer may not be available. DBCC is partnering with the City to reach these residents and landlords, with a goal of getting 95% of eligible homes signed up for the program!

If you live on Minnehaha, reach out to the Lead Free SPRWS program to sign up! Lead pipes can lead to long-term health problems for you and your children. Taking advantage of this NO COST opportunity can protect your family from the dangers of lead in your drinking water. Visit: stpaul.gov/water/lead-free or contact the LeadFree Team directly by email or phone at and 651-266-6850.



Steve Trimble

Last month several cars sitting on the even side of Maria were ticketed after not following City guidelines.



Senator Hawj's Bill to Provide Oversight of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Heard in the State and Local Government Committee

Jess Yeganeh

The Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Committee heard and passed Senator Foug Hawj's bill to reinstate the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) citizens board. Following the hearing, Senator Hawj released the following statement:

"Minnesota has greater environmental

justice goals now more than ever as we work towards a zero-carbon future and prioritizing a healthy climate. The board was created in 1967 to provide oversight of the MPCA and was later eliminated in 2015. There needs to be checks and balances in our government, and by reinstating the board, we do just that. The board will check the MPCA's actions, and this is essential for providing an open, accessible, and democratic process for review. The board must represent the state in terms of race, gender, and geography, ensuring that the MPCA addresses the needs of communities across Minnesota."

The bill passed the Senate State and Local Governmental and Veterans Committee and will head to the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee.

You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

The Dayton's Bluff District Forum welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes – send yours to:

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Deadline for the April issue of the *Forum* is March 10, 2022.

Historic April Events

Steve Trimble

Here are some of the historical events in our city on a variety of dates that are part of a collection of 366 days that occurred in different years — 366 because I found something that happened during a leap year. Hope you enjoy reading about them.

April 22, 1970: St. Paul celebrated the first Earth Day on this date. The event was founded by Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, who said that the idea was inspired by the student anti-war movement. With a national coordinator and eighty-five staff members, he was able to create a movement where twenty million Americans eventually “took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment.”

The first events were limited and somewhat small the initial year. At Hamline University, a professor of botany gave a lecture on “man and his vanishing environment” and a series of faculty presentations at Norton Field House discussed “poverty, racism, and pollution”, “the economics of pollution” and “theology of nature.” Later there was a mock legislative hearing to prepare a bill on the use of non-returnable bottles and cans.

At Macalester College there was an environmental teach-in on pollution problems, a rally where petitions circulated on nuclear waste and use of DDT and a paper recycling project was initiated. Geographer Hildegard Johnson spoke on “Americans and their lands,” and the Mac Weekly editorialized on clean water and air goals. Mounds Park Junior High students preferred action to lectures and picked up litter in Indian Mounds Park

April 17, 1968: A sit-in in the office of St. Paul Mayor Thomas Byrne ended on this

day. It began a week earlier, protesting the police having three AR15 automatic rifles, the civilian version of the M16 rifle. Around sixty-five people began sitting in the mayor’s reception room at 10:15 a.m., including students and a few University of Minnesota faculty with their wives and children. Protesters were concerned these rifles would be used as riot control and to oppress minorities.

Mayor Byrne and the police department held that the rifles were to protect public safety and would only be used in extreme cases, with no plans for use against rioters. Protesters insisted the police should return the weapons, as the city of Minneapolis had done earlier, citing that the guns were inappropriate for police use.

A small group of demonstrators continued to peacefully occupy the room for several days with Mayor Byrne’s permission, and he also brought them coffee and donuts. Then the city decided to turn the rifle issue over to the St. Paul Civil and Human Rights commission for review.

The conclusions of this commission are unknown, but as of 2011, the police department regularly trains its officers in the use of the AR15.

April 28, 1948: Pablo Basques, a Latino artist and muralist was born on this day on the West Side of St. Paul. He attended neighborhood schools where he learned about art at an early age and later in high school. He attended the University of Minnesota for three years studying art. He enlisted in the Army and spent a year overseas in Viet Nam.

Basques and Armando Estrella developed into two of the Latino artists on the

West Side who helped keep the Latino culture alive. In the 1970s they were part of the national Canto movement, a national arts approach that coordinated festivals throughout the United States to celebrate Chicano/Latinx artists. The West Side event was called Midwest Canto al Pueblo that meant 'cry of the village.’’

For the Midwest logo, Basques painted a rose with a single drop of blood dropping from the thorn, saying “The rose symbolizes the perfection we all seek to attain as artists, and the drop of blood symbolizes the struggle and suffering that is connected with that artistic struggle.”

The image of Aztec warrior Cuauhtémoc appeared repeatedly in the murals both nationally and in the West Side. In 1978, one of them by Basques appeared on the outside of the Concord Drug Store.

April 13, 1901: A dog described as “a black and tan” attacked horses and dogs on this day during a rabies outbreak. A St. Paul newspaper gave a dramatic description of the event saying “exciting to say the least, and spectators a real scare. They had not only the chance of seeing a dog with a genuine case of rabies” but saw him attack half a dozen other dogs and bite three horses severely.

Three mad dogs and five attacks in three days led St. Paul’s Health Commissioner, Dr. Justus Ohage

to proceed in killing dogs known to have been bitten by an animal suffering from rabies. One afternoon, a mad dog ran wild in the vicinity of Kent and Edmund, but before he could be killed by the police, succeeded in biting a small boy and several dogs. After the Rondo attack, police killed seven dogs at the requests of their owners

Dr. Ohage reported that in the critical month of April 1901, 17 animals were “condemned.” The public records for the year 1901 reveal that twenty-nine dogs were killed, and only two positive cases of rabies were found in the entire 12-month period. Thankfully, no human cases appear in the records for that year.

April 20, 1908: Donald Wandrei, science fiction and fantasy writer, was born on this day in St. Paul and resided there for all his life at 1152 Portland, except for four years in the Army and some time in New York where he had studios. Wandrei



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A portrait of Donald Wandrei. “Around him are figures and objects alluding to his published works: disembodied figure at upper right, brain on circular platter at lower right, reclining man staring at small nude figure standing on leg, and three eyes.”

went to Central High School from 1921 to 1924 where he wrote in the school newspaper. At the University of Minnesota, he wrote for the *Minnesota Daily* and was one of its editors. In the 1930s his career soared, writing for pulp magazines with many pieces in *Weird Tales*, *As-tounding Stories* and other magazines. He was a co-founder of the well-known Arkham House Publishers. In 1980 Wandrei was awarded the World Fantasy Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He once said: “We walk in darkness with phantoms and spectres we know not of, and our little world plunges blindly through abysses toward a goal of which we have no conception. That thought itself is a blow at our beliefs and comprehension we used to content ourselves by thinking we knew all about our world, at least ; but now it is different, and we wonder if we really know anything, or if there can be safety and peace anywhere in the wide universe.”



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Mayor Thomas Byrne, 1964.



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The office of Dr. Justus Ohage, circa 1895.

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Gold Line BRT Construction Schedule

Compiled from information provided by Metro Transit metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

The Metro Gold Line will be a bus rapid transit (BRT) line that operates primarily within bus-only lanes. Gold Line will provide frequent, 10-15 minute, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week. The planned 10-mile route is between St. Paul and Woodbury with bus-only lanes being constructed generally north of and near Interstate 94. It will become operational in 2025.

Metro Transit hosted an open house at Dayton's Bluff Elementary on February 28 that revealed the construction schedule for the bus lanes about to be built through Dayton's Bluff.

Preliminary work began in the fall of 2022 with utility work and the removal of all trees and shrubbery on both sides of Hudson Road from Maria Ave. to Johnson Parkway. A large amount of sand was hauled into the area of Griffith Street and Hudson Road for use in 2023.

The plans for spring, summer and fall of 2023 are much more aggressive. Here are some of the highlights:

* Construction of the bus lanes between Third Street and Hudson Road as well as the Mounds Blvd. station will begin in spring (starting whenever the snow melts and the ground is thawed) and continue through the summer.

* Earl Street bridge over I-94 closed during spring and summer.

* Hudson Road between Maria Ave. and Johnson Parkway closed early summer through fall for construction of bus

lanes and the Earl Street station. Access to local homes and businesses will be maintained.

* Maple Street pedestrian/bike bridge over I-94 will be removed and rebuilt during the summer and fall.

* There will be periodic weekend and overnight closures on I-94 in the early summer and early fall and ongoing shoulder and off-peak lane closures during demolition and reconstruction of the Maple Street overpass bridge.

* The sound barrier along I-94 will be moved closer to the freeway in some areas.

* Work will continue on the storm water holding pond near Griffith Street and Johnson Pkwy beginning with the installation of the clay liner as soon as ground conditions are dry enough to permit heavy machinery.

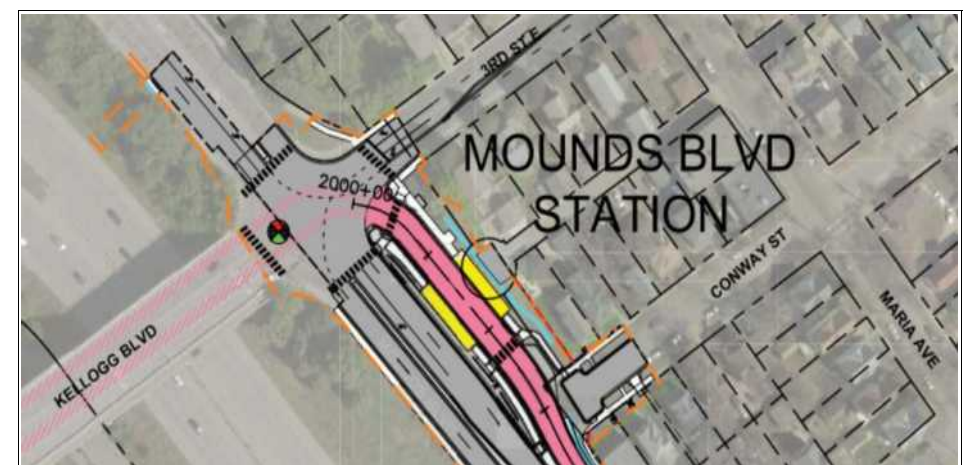
* The area near Griffith and Hudson Road where the big pile of sand is now located will continue to be a staging area for construction work along Hudson Road.

* Farther to the east, work will continue in the area of the I-94/Highway 61 interchange resulting in periodic rerouting and closures in the spring and summer. Ruth Street over I-94 will be closed spring through fall.

* In 2024, an overpass will be built over Johnson Pkwy, an underpass will be built under White Bear Ave. and the remainder of the bus lanes and stations will be completed from downtown Saint Paul to Woodbury.

* The Gold Line will become operational in 2025.

This is a very complex and dynamic project so changes to this schedule could occur. For updated information on the Gold Line project, questions, comments or concerns visit metrotransit.org/gold-line-project, email goldline@metrotransit.org or call 651-602-1919.



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Planning Commission Opens Public Comment Period for 1-4 Unit Housing Study Phase 2 Amendments

Next Public Meeting Slated for April 14

City of St. Paul

At their March 3 meeting, the Saint Paul Planning Commission voted to release the 1-4 Unit Housing Study phase 2 amendments and open the public comment period.

The public hearing will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on Friday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. Community stakeholders are encouraged to testify during the public hearing or submit written comments in advance.

"What an exciting time to live in Saint Paul!" said Planning Commissioner

Seanne Thomas. "The 1-4 Unit Housing Study is a long overdue process to create an environment conducive to building more missing middle housing in a time where we are experiencing a critical housing shortage."

With the 1-4 Unit Housing Study, the City is considering changes to the zoning code that will support a greater range of housing options in Saint Paul. Specifically, the study is evaluating the potential to add additional zoning flexibility to support the creation of additional smaller, neighborhood-scale housing types (such as duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes, townhomes, accessory dwelling units and cluster/cottage homes) in more places across the city.

"This study seeks to eliminate barriers and streamline processes to create more housing density while maintaining the historic characteristics of our Saint Paul neighborhoods," added Commissioner Thomas. "Saint Paul residents, please take some time to review the proposal, prepare

and submit your comments and feedback, and participate in the upcoming public hearing."

About the 1-4 Unit Housing Study

In 2021, the City of Saint Paul initiated a two-phase study to look at ways to update zoning regulations to increase the supply and types of housing choices.



Phase 1 focused on barriers that could be more easily removed to allow for the creation of additional homes without requiring major policy changes. The City Council adopted Zoning Code amendments that made accessory dwelling unit (ADU) regulations more flexible and allowed for physically smaller homes on January 19, 2022 (Ordinance 22-1). This ordinance became effective in March 2022.

Phase 2 is broader in scope and is focused on evaluating additional zoning

flexibility to support greater housing diversity. Specifically, this phase is studying the potential to allow more variety of single-family developments including townhomes, ADUs, and cottage homes clustered around a common courtyard or green space, as well as duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in more places and changing dimensional standards and other zoning requirements to facilitate this greater range of housing.

Ways to Engage

There are multiple ways to learn more about the 1-4 Unit Housing Study phase 2 amendments and share your feedback with the Planning Commission: Visit the 1-4 Unit Housing Study website and read the Frequently Asked Questions. Review the staff report memo and overview slides that outline the proposed zoning text amendments. View the interactive map to see the proposed zoning. Attend one of two upcoming webinars on March 28 and March 30 or watch the recording to be posted to the website. Send comments by noon on Thursday, April 13. By email: 1to4HousingStudy@ci.stpaul.mn.us. By mail: 1 to 4 Unit Housing Study, 25 West 4th Street, Suite 1400, Saint Paul, MN 55102. Testify at the public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on Friday, April 14 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, room 40.

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 60 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.

Usually, I write a review of a new East Side restaurant in this column. However, right

now there are no new ones that have got their venues ready to go. There are a couple that may be getting ready to open to the public soon, and I'll try to be there for their grand openings.

Until then, I will write about food in general. Seen below are some recipes that were found in cookbooks. These were from some St. Paul restaurants that were noted but

are now gone.

The first is La Casa Coronado. Mrs. Elvira "Mama" Coronado and her husband Arthur came to Minnesota from San Luis Obispo, Mexico in 1924. They started what might be the first Twin Cities Mexican restaurant in 1946 on the West Side neighborhood. If La Casa Coronado started as a small spot, it grew and was a very popular neighborhood favorite.

Mama Coronado's Tacos

Ingredients:

Tortilla:

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup corn meal
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 1 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix all ingredients in bowl until smooth. Spoon 3 tablespoons batter onto moderately hot griddle that has been brushed with shortening. Smooth out with back of spoon until thin and cook until just dry. Turn tortilla to other side to cook for a few seconds and removed from the griddle.

Filling:

- 2 lbs ground beef
- cayenne
- salt
- garlic powder
- pepper
- Tabasco
- celery salt
- shortening
- chili powder

Salad:

- Lettuce
- Tomato
- Onion

Directions: Season beef with salt, pepper, celery salt, chili powder, cayenne, garlic powder to taste. Steam in covered pan; add few drops Tabasco before filling tortillas. Put generous amount of meat in the middle of tortilla, fold over, and secure with toothpicks.

Brown well in hot fat. Drain on paper towels. Open and add salad of chopped lettuce, tomato, onion; add small amount of salad dressing to salad.

This recipe comes from a noted upscale establishment that for many years served as a gathering for local politicians and others. The Blue Horse Restaurant with a piano bar and a patio serving lavish dishes was opened at 1355 University Ave. with a piano bar in 1963 and closed in 1991.

Blue Horse's Steak Diane

Ingredients:

- 2 New York cut sirloin steaks (12 oz. each)
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 3 tablespoons of butter
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped shallots
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions: In a heavy skillet, melt 2 tablespoons of butter and in it saute shallots until golden brown. In the meantime, salt and pepper steaks, which have been trimmed of all fat and pounded very thin. Sear steaks on both sides in skillet and remove.



chopped parsley.

To the skillet, add 1 tablespoon of butter, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce and A.I. Sauce.

Blend all ingredients well over flame. Return steaks to skillet and saute them until done to taste. Serve on hot plates.

Sprinkle steaks with

Veggie Burgers

Ingredients:

- 3 cups peanuts
- 2 cups rice, cooked
- 2 cups sunflower seeds
- 3/4 cups nut yeast
- 2 cups sesame seeds
- 4 teaspoons lecithin
- 3 stalks celery
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 medium onions
- 3/4 cups soy flour
- 1 2/3 cups soybeans, cooked
- 2 tablespoons dill seeds
- 3 carrots
- cheese slices optional
- 8 cloves garlic

Directions: Roast the peanuts, sunflower seeds, and sesame seeds lightly. Grind peanuts, sunflower seeds, celery, onions, soybeans, carrots, and garlic together.



Add remaining ingredients. Make into patties. Heat patties in an oiled skillet.

You may melt cheese on top if you wish. Yield 50 servings

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