

Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

Halloween Events Happening in the Area

Visit St. Paul

Put on your costumes, pack up the family, and enjoy these Halloween-themed festivities.

September 30

October 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29
Valleyfair Tricks and Treats

@Valleyfair

All-new, over-the-top, larger-than-life, gotta-be-there Halloween event packed with fun and family-friendly eeriness. From little goblins to grown-up ghouls, everyone will find ghastly great things to do for Halloween. Enjoy delicious seasonal treats, drinks and, of course, candy! Price: \$29.99

September 30 through November 4
Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular

@Minnesota Zoo

It's back and it's bigger and better than ever! Explore a glowing trail with thousands of artistically carved pumpkins at the Minnesota Zoo. This year's theme is "Night at the Library" and features plenty of seasonal fun.

Time: Dependent upon time chosen

October 12

Halloween Pet Photo Op Day

@Duluth and Case Rec Center

Join with us for Halloween Pet Photo Op Day and we will have area staged with decorations celebrating the Fall event. Come and meet some new friends. Each doggy will get a special treat. Pets welcome to come dressed in their favorite Halloween Costume. Don't forget to bring your camera.

Time: 6-7 p.m.

October 13

Halloween Party

@Duluth and Case Rec Center

Children will have fun playing a variety of Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts and Jump Castle and more. Participants are welcome to wear their Halloween costume.

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.



Happy Halloween from the Dayton's Bluff District Forum Staff!

October 21, 28

Haunted Roundhouse

@MN Transportation Museum

Meet the ghost of railroading past at the Jackson Street Roundhouse for a favorite trick-or-treating experience. Scary old trains, haunted caboose rides, and smores by the campfire accompany good ol' trick-or-treating fun.

Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Price: \$7-\$15

October 21, 28

Halloween Spooky Night Trains

@Twin Cities Model Railroad Museum

Check out the Twin Cities Model Railroad Museum's collection of model trains and toy trains of yesteryear come alive as the lights are turned down for a spooky Halloween setting. Costumes are welcome and treats will be handed out.

Price: \$10

October 27

Halloween Spooktacular Bash

@Phalen Rec Center

Join us for a Halloween themed spooky event! Play games, make spooky arts and craft project, enjoy some treats, and a spooktacular Movie!

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

October 27, 28

Halloween Spooktacular

@Minnesota Children's Museum

Minnesota Children's Museum is the place for all kinds of (not-so-scary) Halloween fun with trick-or-treating, a dance party with live DJ, activities and crafts, carnival games, and more! The entire Museum will be open during the event. Get tickets at mcm.org/halloween-party/.

Time: 6-9 p.m.

October 29

BOOnion Depot

@Union Depot

Dress up in your Halloween best and head over to Union Depot for a spooky day of fun for families. Create a pumpkin craft, trick-or-treat, jam to a DJ and dance zone, and enjoy Halloween-themed entertainment — all for free!

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



Mandy Okonek

Get ready for Halloween this month! Take a look at the events to the left and enjoy the spooky season with everyone in the family.

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Neighborhood Celebration Being Held on October 16

This year's annual Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC) (daytonsbluff.org/) meeting is a neighborhood celebration with Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School. Enjoy an ice cream treat from a Mik Mart Ice Cream Truck, compliments of your community council. Please stay for the community meeting and vote for council representatives, celebrate neighborhood heroes, and learn how you can join our neighborhood supporting efforts.

We are thrilled to partner with the Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary

School (spps.org/daytonsbluff) for this year's annual meeting. A neighborhood treasure, learn how this school is not just a resource for elementary school students, but also community members. If you can, please bring an item for the Neighborhood House Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary Food Pantry that is housed in the school.

We hope to see all of our neighbors at the DBCC annual meeting. All are welcome.

Childcare during the DBCC Council Meeting will be provided by Dayton's Bluff Elementary School.

Spanish, Karen, Hmong, and Somali interpreters will be available.

Date and Time: October 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (ice cream from 5:30-6:30, meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m.)

Location: Dayton's Bluff Elementary School — 262 Bates Avenue, Saint Paul. Parking and the ice cream truck will be located in the lot off of Conway close to the Bates Avenue cross street.

WEQY-FM Acquired by Center for Broadcast Journalism

Power 104.7 FM Facebook announcement

The Center for Broadcast Journalism (CBJ) today [Sept. 11] announced the launch of Power 104.7 FM – WEQY. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved the transfer of the station from the original license holder, Dayton's Bluff Community Council.

CBJ, led by independent journalists Georgia Fort and Marianne Combs, takes a multi-tiered approach to transforming media landscape.

In conjunction with the launch, CBJ is opening a new broadcasting and recording studio to the public in the Osborn370 building in downtown St. Paul. "We value the building owner's support and look forward to being a part of downtown's revival," says Georgia Fort, Executive Director and Co-Founder of CBJ, the station's parent company.

Power 104.7 FM plays the best of Hip Hop and R&B, serving East Saint Paul with music and news while reaching audiences worldwide online. A community radio coalition between Power 104.7 FM, WFNU, and KRSM will expand the reach of CBJ reporters, airing their stories across the Twin Cities.

In addition to serving as the home of POWER 104.7 FM, the studio will provide organizations and individuals with a space to record and film their podcasts, says Combs, CBJ Managing News Director.

Support Our Local Businesses

Greg Cosimini

The construction of the Metro Gold Line BRT on Hudson Road is wreaking havoc on the businesses located near the Earl St.-Hudson Rd. intersection. The total closure of Hudson Road for

the next three to four months, plus dirt, noise, and a lack of parking will be making access very difficult. Our friends in that area would be grateful for your continued patronage. Please support the Mounds Theatre, Saint Paul Saloon, MNS Grocery & Tobacco, Overall Beauty Bar, Leo's Chow Mein and Cheers Pub during these trying times. And don't forget Jumbo Wash Laundromat at Hudson and Cypress.

Photos provided by Greg Cosimini.



Friends of Swede Hollow

If you have a passion for history and preserving nature, please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Our meetings are held at the historic William Hamm's mansion, 668 Greenbrier St.

In the spirit of the area's past, we serve Hamm's beer along with other beverages and snacks. The meeting is **October 17** and starts at **6:30 p.m.** and is an excellent resource for park updates and events. For more updates email taylor672@comcast.net or call Michel at 651-442-3366.

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, September 29 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.

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest. This box is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply! Give us a call at 651-683-2326, and someone will assist you with your application. Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medi-

care options. Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer to learn more.

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 was 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, October 16 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 are on the schedule. 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, SMRLS will provide one. Hours: **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.**



October 20, 21, 27, 28 & 29: Real Haunted Tours. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our resident spirits! Tours begin at 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m.(no stairs/main floor only), 10:00 p.m. and midnight on Oct. 20, 21, 27 and 28. 7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. tours are one-hour long. Midnight tours are three-hours long. There are kid-friendly "Sunset Tours" at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 29. Tickets: \$50 adults for midnight tours, \$25 adults for all other tours, \$15 (kids only) for "Sunset Tours." Purchase tickets online or at the door if still available. Check website for more details. 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; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

Chess Club

Come join us at Karibu Grocery and Deli, located at 719 Payne Ave. in St. Paul for a weekly game of chess. All levels are welcome. We play every **Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.**



Traditional Connections Graffiti Jam

Mandy Okonek

I don't dance. I am, however, fascinated by those that do. The echo of a banging drum and the vibration of bodies moving with focused intention welcomed me as I visited the Traditional Connections Graffiti Jam at the East Side sculpture park. The East Side Sculpture Park, located at 705 East 7th Street, is a mixed-media art installation boasting a vibrant palette of diverse culture. Local dance crew Kalpul-li Yaocenoxtli's (cactus warrior) colorful feathered headdresses — bright red, blue, yellow, and orange — and geometric patterned clothing embodied Mexican Aztec art through movement, sound, and color. A myriad of musical acts filled the afternoon while graffiti artists created new murals on mini billboards.

Indigenous-owned food truck Trickster Tacos fed a hungry crowd with a vast assortment of delicious fry bread tacos including an option for vegetarians. Twin

Cities Public Television filmed the event, and I'm excited to see how they captured this moment on camera. Speaking of film, our friends at Trilingua Cinema (@trilinguacinema) have free outdoor movies scheduled through September at the East Side Sculpture Park. Go early and check out the art.

One of the highlights currently on display at the East Side Sculpture Park is the Dakota land map created by artist Marlena Myles. Myles' work can be viewed all over the Twin Cities metro area and she is known for utilizing augmented reality in her art installations. If you have seen the *We Are on Dakota Land* designed Metro Transit bus rolling around, that's her work. For more information about Marlena Myles follow her on Instagram @mylesdesigns.

A collaborative effort of rad art collective City Mischief and nonprofit Indigenous Roots, the Jam hosted weekend-long events stretching up East 7th Street with a gallery inside I-Roots at 788 East 7th Street and murals at Bud and Al's Auto Shop at 695 Arcade Street. All the murals created during this event are available for free public viewing with an easy walk along East 7th Street.



Mandy Okonek

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Gold Line BRT Construction Update

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. The 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.

The ongoing work on the Gold Line BRT in the East Side:

* Starting September 18, Southbound Mounds Boulevard at Kellogg Boulevard and over I-94 will close. This will create a full closure of the Mounds Boulevard bridge over I-94 in East St. Paul. The bridge closure will be in effect through fall 2023. Pedestrian access will be maintained over the Mounds Boulevard bridge during most work.

* Crews continue retaining wall and noise wall construction, and construction foundations for the Mounds Station near Mounds Boulevard.

* Work continues on Hudson Road between Maria Avenue and Griffith Street

as crews install water mains, noise walls, sanitary and storm water sewers.

* Crews pour concrete for the south abutment of the Maple Street pedestrian bridge.

* Crews continue pouring concrete for retaining walls near the Earl station area.

* At the Etna Street area, crews continue to construct the new Etna Street Station platform foundations, station walls, and construct bridge decking. Crews remove pavement and begin grading for the bus-only bridge ramps.

* Crews construct bridge decking for the new section of the Ruth Street bridge.

* Westbound I-94 off-ramp to Mounds Boulevard is closed through fall 2023.

* Westbound I-94 right lane and shoulder closed between Highway 61 and Mounds Boulevard through fall 2023.

* Hudson Road between Maria Avenue and Griffith Street is closed through fall 2023.

* Maple Street pedestrian bridge is closed.

* Pacific Street is closed between Mound Street and Forest Street through fall 2023.

* Ruth Street is closed over I-94 through fall 2023.

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.

Photo below and to the right provided by Greg Cosimini.



You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

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

daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com

Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the Forum.

Deadline for the November issue of the Forum is October 5, 2023.

Dayton's Bluff at the Fair

Amerigo Vespucci

It wasn't easy to find anything related to Dayton's Bluff at the 2023 Minnesota State Fair, but after two long days of searching, I finally succeeded.

In the Creative Activities building, I spotted a postcard collection submitted by long time Dayton's Bluff resident Greg Cosimini. It consisted of twenty postcards featuring Minnehaha Falls and appears to prove that it is located in Saint Paul rather than Minneapolis. It has been titled "Whither Minnehaha Falls?" Of course Minnehaha Falls is and always has been located in Minneapolis which is why the collection was entered in the Novelty category. The judge must have liked the topic because Cosimini was awarded a Blue (First Place) Ribbon for his efforts and a check for \$8.00. It could be noted that there were no other postcard collections entered in the Novelty category, but there is no reason to do so.

While wandering through the Fine Arts building, I happened to notice a painting of a very strange bar scene with a Hamm's beer sign floating overhead. It was cleverly titled "Bar Scene With Hamm's Sign" and was painted in acrylics by Mary Gibney of Minneapolis. Of course Hamm's Brewery was located in Dayton's Bluff for many years. The painting won the North Hennepin Community College Award of Excellence in Memory of Frank Schreiber. I don't know what that is but it sounds impressive

Finally, I ran into one of the former editors of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum*, editor emeritus Jennifer Gascoigne. It seemed like quite a coincidence until I found out that she basically lives at the State Fair during its run each year.



Jennifer Gascoigne



Amerigo Vespucci

The postcard collection (top) and the painting (above) have connections to Dayton's Bluff and were entered in Minnesota State Fair competitions this year.



Some St. Paul Events in October

Steve Trimble

Here are a few important or just interesting events that I hope you find appealing. These are a sampling of 200-word pieces I have found over the years that are called "On This Day in St. Paul."

I am almost ready to go with a lot of diversity in people, neighborhood and local culture. Some cover sports highlights or people breaking into new roles and some have a touch of humor. There will be some from the earliest days and some newer offerings. They may be posted on the internet or turned into a book if printing is not too expensive. There will be 366 days — yes, I found one for Leap Year — and some of you might want to do more research and having a longer covering of these small starts. You can have some of them turned into annual celebrations, such as or the day that St. Paul created the country's first school patrol. Or start having a backyard booya on the same day that a VFW had one back in the early days. Or celebrate some of the birthdays honoring some important St. Paul folks on their birthday.

October 7, 1935: Amelia Earhart made a visit to St. Paul on this day. The city had a special reason for welcoming this famous aviator — she lived in the city around a year or so. She spoke at the Women's City Club. Officers of the first National Guard air unit will honor Amelia at People's

Church. Under the auspices of the women's club "the slender, boyish-appearing flyer" told of her flights across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Her father moved the family to St. Paul in 1913 to accept a position as clerk at the Great Northern Railroad. The family rented a house at 825 Fairmount Avenue. Amelia attended St. Paul Central High School and was an excellent student. Her academic courses included physics, Latin, and German and she was on the girls' basketball team. She was only there for her junior year because the family moved on to Chicago.

In the winter of 1920, Earhart saw her first air show and took her first airplane ride and was hooked. Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic and set numerous altitude and speed records. On July 2, 1937, just before her 40th birthday and attempting to fly around the world, Earhart and her navigator disappeared over the Pacific.

October 11, 1974: Women's Advocates opened the doors to the first women's domestic violence shelter in the country on this day in St. Paul. Since then, it has provided a variety of services for thousands of women and children. When it was formed as a collective in 1972, Women's Advocates operated out of volunteers' homes, then eventually a rented office space.

The organization began, essentially, as a crisis phone line where women called to get legal information and advice. Soon, the volunteers realized that the biggest obstacle for these women who were trying to escape domestic violence was a safe place.

When Women's Advocates first opened on this Friday in October, the house wasn't ready but calls came from women who just needed a safe place. "So we just said, 'Okay, let's open the doors and they started coming in that night,'" according to Sharon Rice Vaughan, a founding member of the collective.

They decided to write letters asking friends, family, and members of the community for funds in order to purchase a permanent shelter for women. Within two years, they collected enough funds to purchase a sizeable house on Grand Avenue. There women could go to break the cycle of domestic violence.

October 16, 2006: Two of the 15 "Minnesota Rocks!" sculptures created through the 2006 International Stone Carving Symposium were dedicated on this day. The program developed by Public Art St. Paul brought artists from around the world to spend six weeks educating people about sculpture and creating works of art.

Two sculptures were installed on Mounds Boulevard in Indian Mounds Park. The celebration began at "Usumacinta River Visiting the Mississippi" that was created by Javier del Cueto, a sculpture teacher in Mexico City. It is located on Mounds Boulevard at McLean Street.

According to the artist, the sculpture was meant to suggest the ties between the waters of Mexico City and the Mississippi River. City Council members and officials of the Mexican Consulate lead the program, along with members of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and Aztec dancers performed.

The celebration then moved to the "Sa-

cred Dish," created by Duane "Dewey" Goodwin, a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. Because of a dream, Goodman put a red pipestone tear below the woman's eyes that represents the sorrow that all women have experienced. It is located on the hill across from the pavilion near Earl Street. A Native American flute player performed as part of the ceremony.

October 22, 1919: New rules for behavior in St. Paul dance halls were revealed in today's issue of the *Pioneer Press* on this day. They had been instituted by 65-year-old Chief of Police Richard O'Connor. According to the paper they included the following: Rule One was "Dancers must keep moving and not stand still on the floor and 'shake and shimmy.'" The second rule was "Neither shall they wiggle like a snake while turning the corners of the dance floor or when they turn around."

The next one was "They must not raise their hands above their heads. Calisthenics are out of place on a dance floor." Finally, "They must not rub cheeks; that is dance cheek to cheek."

O'Connor explained that dancing cheek to cheek might be all right on its own "if the dancers stopped there," but "it is only necessary to turn the head a little and the lips meet."

It was another example of the way the younger generations flaunt older one's expectations of the proper way to act. Leaders of at least two women's organizations supported the new regulations. One of them said "dancing as carried on at public dances in the city is a disgrace to American womanhood."

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the Library

Explore the culture and traditions of the Latine communities in Saint Paul through stories, music, and art at several Saint Paul Public Library locations now through November 4.

Kids and families will learn and have fun with stories and puppet shows celebrating the Latine community. George Latimer Central Library, 90 West 4th Street in downtown Saint Paul, will host "Lupita Does Not Want to Sleep," a family puppet show in Spanish, on **Saturday, October 14, from 11 a.m. to noon**, presented by ArtStart, followed by hands-on craft-making. In the Heart of the Beast puppeteers will delight families at Riverview Library, 1 East George Street, on **Saturday, October 21, from**

11-11:30 a.m., with a puppet show in both English and Spanish. On November 4, a Chilean-American author will share her beautiful bilingual story, "Nana and Abuela," followed by hands-on craft-making.

Get your blood pumping with Afro-Puerto Rican drumming and Bomba at Hayden Heights Library, 1456 White Bear Avenue, on **Saturday, October 7, from 2-3 p.m.**, or create stunning butterflies out of recycled materials at Rondo Library, 461 North Dale Street, on **Sunday, October 15, from 2-4 p.m.**

Dayton's Bluff Library has a robust collection of books in Spanish with lots of new and popular titles for all ages — from board books for our youngest readers to books for adults and everything in between. We also have a large selection of movies in Spanish and other languages too. Come in and see what we have to offer!

Check out spl.org/hispanic-heritage to find more events like these, and discover picture books, movies, young adult reads, and other titles featuring Latine characters and stories.



Dayton's Bluff Library

Above is our cozy corner to find books in Spanish for kids. We also have an international aisle featuring books and movies in Spanish, including language learning materials.

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Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured on the right.

The reader who submits the correct entry will be notified, and the winner(s) will be announced in the November edition of the *Forum*.



Around and About

G.B LeRoy

Last month I did write-ups about some of the positive things and places in our community. However, lately there have been several negative events that I found out about as I was walking and talking to people on the East Side.

I am pretty sure that one of the two vegan restaurants in St. Paul went out of business, and it was in our area. I have been going up Arcade Street for a couple of months and have seen a "Closed" sign in the front window of Insane Vegan restaurant. I thought they might be doing some work and it was just a temporary one. But last week I parked and looked in the unlit windows and saw that it was empty and artwork was gone from the walls.

I've been keeping a list showing that this is the 40th restaurant on the East Side that has shuttered its windows since January 2015 when I first wrote East Side Eating in the *Forum*. Running a restaurant is a difficult thing and many places around St. Paul have gone under. We have been lucky that in many cases someone comes along and reopens a new

cattery in one of the empty storefronts. I hope that a few new ones show up.

The other recent negative events were in different kinds of businesses. The Treasury, an all-ages music venue on St. Paul's East Side, closed permanently after a reported burglary of musical equipment that forced the venue to cease operations. Twin Cities Catalyst Music had been in the basement of the "Old Swedish Bank" building on Payne Avenue. "We have enjoyed hosting bands and music fans in this venue," one of the operators of the non-profit said, "but have encountered issues that make this an unsustainable space for us in the long run."

And another sad situation occurred last August. Fire severely damaged two local businesses, Eastside Checkerboard Pizza and 52 Market & Trading. Firefighters first responded to reports of a fire at 52 Market and Trading on Arcade Street on August 9. Later in the day, firefighters dealt with a fire at a building across the street that houses Eastside Checkerboard Pizza around 1:30 p.m. There is a suspicion that arson was the culprit. Both buildings sustained heavy smoke and fire damage to the first and second floors. It probably will take many months before either business can reopen.



PepperAnn Katze

Mixed Precipitation performed an updated version of Bellini's 1830 opera based on Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* at Swede Henge in Swede Hollow Park on September 9.

Vote on November 7 for Pa Der Vang Saint Paul City Council Ward 7



Pa Der Vang is a seasoned professional with over 23 years of experience working with families, policy making, and leadership. She is an associate professor of Social Work where she teaches social policy for social justice with an emphasis on how cities can better take care of their residents from all walks of life. She has a deep understanding of the needs of families regardless of race, economics, gender, ability, age, and immigration status. She wants to keep people in their homes, and ensure that all residents who want to buy a home can do so. She knows residents worry about community safety and crime. She will work with police to ensure that our neighborhoods are safe and there is positive relationships with officers. She is invested in ensuring efficient use of your precious tax dollars and prioritize areas that impact you the most such as street repair, community safety, parks and libraries, and transportation. She will work with legislatures and other policy makers to explore additional funding to pay for street repair and facility maintenance so that we aren't continuously raising taxes on our residents. As a social worker, she is deeply committed to information and resource transparency so that all residents get to use city services and supports available to them. She intends to be continuously engaged in the community and be a positive voice for all.

www.paderstpaulcitycouncil7.com

The East Side of St. Paul deserves more and better than it's getting in local government. The entire city deserves more and better, but the East Side in particular has been treated for far too long as a "poor cousin" to affluent neighborhoods.

That's why, in the race to represent Ward 7 on the St. Paul City Council, I feel the need to speak out in favor of Pa Der Vang, the candidate whose maturity, experience, and character will help us allocate precious tax dollars with greater care and for the common good. She'll put people ahead of party.

A longtime social worker, Pa Der has spent decades solving the problems of children, families, and seniors. She knows that our East Side neighborhoods are being short-changed. Governor Walz appointed her to chair the Minnesota Board of Social Work because he recognized her insight into seemingly intractable problems like the ones we face in infrastructure and public safety.

I hope voters can see the sharp difference between her decades of knowledge and the relative inexperience of every other candidate. My intention had been not to endorse, to stay on the sidelines during this race.

But too much is at stake for the future of Ward 7, the direction of the East Side, and the integrity of the City of St. Paul for me to remain silent.

I strongly endorse Pa Der Vang.
Jane Prince, Ward 7 City Council Member

Events Happening at Area Rec Centers

October 4-25

Dragon's Den Book Club

Participants must attend the first and last session of the month. They will receive their book to read at the first session. They will discuss the book with their peers during the last session. The weeks between the first and last sessions are optional if youth want to come to a space to read together. Snacks will be provided at each session.

Rec: Dayton's Bluff

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Age: 14 years

October 4-25

Family Board Game Night

Families will be able to get together for some fun time and great laughs. All board games are provided.

Rec: Battle Creek

Time: 6:15-7:30 p.m.

October 4-25

G.I.R.L. Group

Girls Group will motivate, inspire, empower and guide young women ages 11-14 to understand their value, uncover-hidden or unknown talents and discover their passion for life!

Rec: Battle Creek

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Age: 11-15 years

October 10

Online: Gardening Workshop—Growing Microgreens

Come learn about growing microgreens, quick-growing vegetable and

herb seedlings that can be grown indoors and can be used in salads or as fresh green in many types of dishes during the cold seasons of the year. This class will take place via a live online video. Participants must register in advance and a video link will be emailed prior to the class starting.

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Age: 16 and up

October 12

Halloween Pet Photo Op Day

Join with us for Halloween Pet Photo Op Day and we will have area staged with decorations celebrating the Fall event. Come and meet some new friends. Each doggy will get a special treat. Pets welcome to come dressed in their favorite Halloween Costume. Don't forget to bring your camera.

Rec: Duluth and Case

Time: 6-7 p.m.

October 13

Halloween Party

Children will have fun playing a variety of Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts and Jump Castle and more. Participants are welcome to wear their Halloween costume.

Rec: Duluth and Case

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

October 27

Halloween Spooktacular Bash

Join us for a Halloween themed spooky event! Play games, make spooky arts and craft project, enjoy some treats and a spooktacular Movie!

Rec: Phalen

Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

For more information at stpaul.gov/facilities.



Steve Trimble

Artwork from UNIQUELY EASTSIDE FESTIVAL + SOLIDARITY STREET GALLERY 2023, that was held on September 9, noon-7 p.m., along Payne Avenue, between Lawson Ave and Phalen Blvd.

Senator Foug Hawj Says More Than \$1.1 billion in Rebate Checks on Way to Minnesota Taxpayers

Says Rebates to Benefit Thousands of Families on St. Paul's East Side

Marc Kimball

Senator Foug Hawj said that more than 2.1 million Minnesota taxpayers—including thousands on St. Paul's East Side—will soon receive one-time tax rebate payments of up to \$1,300 per family.

The rebates, totaling more than \$1.1 billion across the state, are a key part of the historic 2023 tax bill that Sen. Hawj and Senate DFLers supported during this year's state legislative session. He said the payments include: \$520 for married couples filing a joint 2021 income or property tax return with adjusted gross income of \$150,000 or less, \$260 for all other individuals with 2021 adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less, and another \$260 for each dependent, up to three dependents.

"These rebates will help millions of Minnesotans pay for everyday expenses such as groceries, school supplies, rent, or childcare," said Sen. Hawj. "Senate DFLers delivered the rebates to taxpayers because they will put money back into the pockets of Minnesota families and help them afford their lives."

Taxpayers do not need to apply for this rebate payment. The Minnesota Department of Revenue will use tax year 2021 individual income tax or property tax refund returns to determine eligibility and distribute these tax rebate payments in the early fall.



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Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Recommended for Everyone Age Six Months and Older

Ramsey County

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against potentially serious illness this fall and winter. Updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna will soon be available at more pharmacies, health care providers and clinics. Find a COVID-19 vaccine at vaccines.gov.

If you have not received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past 2 months, get an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself this fall and winter. Vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19-related hospitalization and death. Vaccination also reduces your chance of suffering the effects of Long COVID, which can develop with any infection and last a long time.

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 daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Smok'N Outdoor Barbecue

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Wednesday, Thursday, Fridays 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
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The restaurant started out with a trailer owned by Mary Vang and Richard Xiong after they were married. By the way, the couple were both raised and still live on St. Paul's East Side. Xiong had a backyard meat smoking hobby and they decided to try selling food. They got a food truck, but they wanted to get a real storefront. And now they have had one for a couple of years. But they still use the truck for various outdoor events. For those of you readers who have been around for a time, you probably would know the building they bought used to be Romolo's. After Romolo's closed, Asian Street Food was there for a few years and recently sold to this family.

As the name suggests, most of the entrees are meats. "We smoke our meat with 100% local oak wood because it brings out the true taste of the meat," according to Richard Xiong who is the "Pit Boss." He says it is the secret ingredient that is important. Vang manages the financial things for the restaurant and takes the customers inside. After you order, there are chairs to sit in but not with the usual wall of flat-screen TVs. Here's what you will see on the large menus printed on their wall:

Appetizers: French fries and sweet corn bread. Meats are brisket, pork ribs (choice of 1/2 or a full rack) and pulled pork. Sides consist of French fries, apple

kale slaw, Yum yum mac, sticky rice, mashed potatoes w/gravy, mac n' cheese and pickled onions, fries, and brisket que-sadilla.

Plates: Brisket plate. Pork rib plate, pulled pork plate SOB Sampler, prime rib plate. If you order a Plate you can choose three sides.

There are a number of sandwiches like Brisket sandwich, pulled pork sandwich, fried chicken sandwich, and something called Da One. Sauces are available are sweet bbq, spicy bbq and Hmong pepper.

There is no liquor, but a variety of drinks include Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Gatorade, sweet tea, iced coffee, and root beer floats. Tres leches corn bread is their dessert. I decided to get a pulled pork plate and my opted sides were for fries, pickled onions, and the apple kale slaw.

Mary Vang summed up why they like their work on the East Side saying, "Being part of this neighborhood is really important to us. It's really a dream to us."

It might be a good idea to call them up before arriving. Sometimes they may be closed because they are at a big festival. And other times they have some different items like prime rib turkey legs, burnt ends, and chicken wings.

There is plenty of off street parking in the back of the restaurant.

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Get Medical Assistance Renewal Support on October 12

Ramsey County

During the COVID-19 pandemic, people did not have to renew their Medical Assistance (MA) or MinnesotaCare. Now that the pandemic has ended, most people will be completing a

MA renewal, which may be new for some.

To help with the Medical Assistance renewal process, Ramsey County and PorticoHealthnet are providing free one-on-one appointments with MNsure Navigators on Thursday, Oct. 12th at the Ramsey County Library - Roseville.

There will be county financial workers and MNsure Navigators available for renewal questions through out the event.

If you need support completing your health care renewal, register for a one-on-one appointment with Portico Healthnet MNsure Navigators.

Register at : porticohealthnet.my.site.com/s/eventregister?regId=a65Hp000004jxTgIAI&isIframe=false

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