‘Night Out’ Approaches

by Karin Dupaul

National Night Out is August 2, 2005. Join your neighbors and friends and give crime and drugs a going-away party. Neighbors and Block Clubs can do many different things: have neighborhood barbecues or potlucks, enjoy ice cream and root beer floats, listen to a band playing music, host a volleyball game, or just sit and visit. There are many other things a group of neighbors can do. Use your imagination and come up with something different.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to your community, “We care.”

Changes in Store...

Starting next month, Dayton’s Bluff will begin to undergo some changes in order to serve our readers better. We will seek to bring more complete coverage of events both in Dayton’s Bluff and the surrounding area. This includes the happenings at churches, libraries, schools, and colleges, as well as the Community Recreation Center, CLUES, the Mounds Theatre and many other venues – including your own! But you don’t have to wait until next month to get involved. E-mail your event information to the editor: k duplicated@daytonbluff.org

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Most Nineties Since the Eighties

by Gabriel Garbow

Not since 1988 have the Twin Cities experienced nine straight days of above-ninety-degree temperatures, but that is just what happened from the ninth of July through the seventeenth. Residents of Dayton’s Bluff are still reeling from the recent stretch of scorching weather, and August shows no promise of being much cooler. Following is a brief survival guide to a Minnesota summer.

Lawn Watering.
The good news is that Saint Paul does not yet appear to be under any special water restrictions. The bad news is that your lawn still needs a lot of attention just to keep from turning to straw. Try these suggestions to keep your lawn - and your water bill in the green this summer.

Code of Conduct Adopted

The purpose of the Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Code of Conduct is to ensure that all people living in and visiting the community will treat all others with respect and dignity. Everyone has the right to be safe and content in his or her own home.

The developing of our Code of Conduct is a strategy that is part of the CARE Operation that was initiated by Mayor Kelly, the Police Department and Code Enforcement to help clean up nuisance crime, behavior, and code issues in the neighborhood. The concept is that everyone in the neighborhood understands the “dos” and “don’ts” of city code, it would greatly reduce the amount of nuisance police calls and code violations.

The Code of Conduct is derived from the Saint Paul City Code. These are things that we all should be abiding by.

By signing the Dayton’s Bluff Code of Conduct, you make a statement of the fact that you do care about your community, intend to follow our code of conduct, and expect your neighbors to do the same. In addition, you support efforts by community and local law enforcement agencies to help individuals and families accountable for being good neighbors and obeying the law.

Signatures by one hundred percent of the neighborhood would make a strong statement to our city and to each other. We are asking all the people of Dayton’s Bluff to agree to live by the Code of Conduct. If you are interested in getting copies for your neighbors call Karin at 651-772-2075.

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Code of Conduct:

- Codes and ordinances outlined in the Saint Paul Resident Handbook Neighborhood Nuisances must be followed.
- Respect the rights, the feelings, and the property of all others.
- Parents are responsible for the behavior of their children and young people in their care. Therefore, parents must know where their children are and what they are doing at all times. As parents, you can help our children make good choices that reinforce our neighborhood code of conduct.

Code of Conduct continues on page 8...

Final Budget Agreement Reflects Right Priorities

by State Rep. Sheldon Johnson

Last week, the Legislature completed work on the state budget for 2006-2007. Although much of the focus recently has been on the special session and the difficult negotiations, I hope the residents of our area will also take time to focus on what’s really important – the final outcome.

At the beginning of the session, I wrote that my priorities for the legislative session would be to:

- Find a way to adequately fund K-12 education to prevent St. Paul schools from further increases in class sizes and cuts to staffing and programs.
- Protect the health care of working families and individuals.
- Help move our economy forward.
- Accomplish all of these things during the session. With the final education budget, public schools in our area will receive a 4 percent
Last Movies at the Mounds Theatre
by Greg Cosimini

Your last two chances to see a movie at the Mounds Theatre this summer are on Friday July 29th and Saturday July 30th at 7 p.m. The film will be the 1968 detective thriller “Bullitt” starring the late great Steve McQueen and one of the greatest car chase scenes ever filmed.

Please note: The previously scheduled films “The General”, was not available.

All tickets are $5.00 and concessions are reasonably priced. The Mounds Theatre is handicap accessible. Come see this great show in air-conditioned comfort this summer.

The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Call 651-772-2253 or visit www.moundstheatre.org for information.

Benefit Rock Concert at the Mounds

Hmong teen bands Sonorous, Delicious Venom, Shattered Echoes and PH Voice will be performing at the Mounds Theatre this summer on Sunday July 31 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are $3.00.

The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Call 651-772-2253 or visit www.moundstheatre.org for updates.

Disney’s The Jungle Book. at Mounds Theatre

by Jefferson Fietek

The Mounds Theatre is proud to announce that it is the first theater in the nation to be granted the official rights to produce the full-scale stage adaptation of Disney’s classic animated film The Jungle Book. The production includes all the classic songs like “The Bare Necessities” and “I Wanna Be Like You.” This production will have an all youth cast, with students from communities all over the Twin Cities.

Performance times:

Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children and seniors.

Contact the Mounds Theatre at 651-772-2253 or www.moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information.

The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Voice Your Opinions Here!

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Dayton’s Bluff District Forum
August 2005

List your church in the District Forum Directory, call: 651-772-2075
School Supplies Drive

Dayton's Bluff District 4 Community Council is collecting school supplies for children and high school youth attending Dayton's Bluff schools. We are asking Dayton’s Bluff residents to purchase extra school supplies for Dayton’s Bluff families who cannot afford to buy them for their children. Bring the supplies to the Community Council offices at 798 East 7th Street. Call 651-772-2075 before you come to make sure supplies is in the office.

You can also bring supplies to National Night Out events at Swede Hollow Park, Bethlehem Lutheran church and Mounds Park United Methodist Church and put them in the school supply collection box. Pencils, pens, notebooks, paper and school supply collection box.

The School Supply Collection ends before you come to make sure supplies is in the office.

Be Your Own Boss

Have you ever wanted to start your own business? Or, have you started one and are realizing that you need more education to make it succeed? If so, sign up for the Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Entrepreneur Training and Support Program. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The next class will start in September.

Class training lasts approximately 16 weeks and includes topics such as conceptualization, management, financing, financial management, one to one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some of the businesses that people who took the course have started include graphics, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, and exterior and interior landscaping.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding fee scale. The next session will start in September and class size is limited. Please call 772-2075 for an application.

Glimpse Your Neighbor’s Garden

Pictured at right, Dayton’s Bluff residents and friends recently took part in the Garden Tour of gardens in the East 5th and Forest area on July 14th. On August 29th, there will be an opportunity to tour gardens in the Upper Swede Hollow Park area. It will start in the gardens next to the Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 East 7th Street. To RSVP call 651-772-2075.

Community Gardening Conference

by Mary Petrie

Beginning August 11, the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) hosts its national 3-day conference in Minneapolis, at the University of Minnesota. While this annual event draws people from all over the world – this year registered attendees hail from Canada, the U.S, Nigeria, Australia and elsewhere - part of the action will take place in our own little corner of the planet, in a garden tour called “Rockin’ East Side Rain and Children’s Gardens.” The tour traces community gardens and green spaces created and operated by the East Side’s Community Design Center, a powerhouse of an organization that builds and boosts the spiritual, ecological, economical and social well-being of communities through hands-on conservation and gardening programs.

The Community Design Center’s mission reflects the sort of issues that will be addressed during the ACGA’s national conference, which engages with issues of youth leadership; food and social justice; sustainability; urban livability; and much more. In addition to tackling social, economic, and ecological topics, conference workshops include basic gardening and community building instruction.

For people interested in getting outside of a classroom, the ACGA is hosting 22 tours of eclectic greening and gardening spaces throughout the Twin Cities. In addition to the “Rockin’ East Side” tour, one can visit the University of Minnesota’s Landscape Arboretum; the U-MORE Park’s 75,000 acres of gardens (including bird and butterfly sites); assorted Minneapolis and St Paul neighborhood gardens; and sites in both downtown Minneapolis and St Paul.

Community activists and gardeners of any level are warmly invited to attend the ACGA conference. People who volunteer at the conference receive discounts on registration and workshops. Interested? See www.communitygarden.org for details and registration material or call the Green Institute at 612-278-7119.

Conference visitors will also have the opportunity to visit Swede Hollow Park and the Friends of Swede Hollow on August 13. Swede Hollow Park is a natural treasure right in the heart of Saint Paul in Dayton’s Bluff.

If you’re intrigued by the notion of community gardening, but not in the mood for a conference, there are plenty of resources right here in the neighborhood. The Community Design Center’s Youth Enterprise in Food and Ecology program operates several garden sites on the East Side and offers two intern programs, The East Side Youth Conservation Corps and the East Side Garden Corps.

Check out the Community Design Center website for more information: www.comdesignctrmn.org.

And the next time you’re enjoying a cup of coffee at Swede Hollow Cafe, check out the lovely little sign with the watermelon, smartly situated in the Children’s Garden. These watermelon signs are the Community Design Center’s logo, letting you know that your good neighborhood activists and youth leaders had a hand in creating a garden. Start looking for those signs and I’ll guarantee you – you’ll start noticing them in the East Side’s sweetest green spaces.
Chapter 8: The 1890’s Arrive

The residents and property owners of this portion of the city have it within their power to make the East St. Paul the most desirable portion of St. Paul, and this done, a demand for sites for homes will arise, and East St. Paul will from her princely residences and beautiful avenues look out upon the broad city beautiful in her situation and full of favor.

The quotation above appeared in an article titled “Residence District Designed by Nature,” appearing in the Pioneer Press in December, 1894. It pointed out that the lack of bridges across the railroad tracks had made the approach to the East Side dangerous until recently. Otherwise, Dayton’s Bluff “would have in all probability have supplanted the West End or St. Anthony Hill, now so thoroughly established in popular favor.”

Whether or not the paper was correct in its assessment of the areas possible prominence, it presented a fairly thorough picture of the neighborhood after a decade of rapid expansion. Bridges had been built, the first streetcar service had been initiated, institutions had been started and the community was well on its way to full development.

According to the article, the area was “well supplied with good schools and commodious and modern school buildings.” Van Buren School at Bates and Conway had an enrollment of over 1,100, while Sibley School at Margaret and Frank, had 600 students. There were also smaller outlying schools, such as Deane with 70 pupils and Fisher Ames school in nearby Hazel Park with 75.

The Pioneer Press said that “East St. Paul is the most important seat of manufacturing in the city,” giving short sketches of some of the businesses: “O’good & Blodgett, whose factory for the manufacture of package boxes, egg cartons, etc. is located on Duluth avenue near Seventh Street. The Abbott Manufacturing Company, which makes, sah, doors and the interior finishing for offices and dwellings, is located on East Seventh street near Post Siding,” an area around a railroad depot near today’s Seventh and Earl.

Other industrial concerns included the J. P. Gribbin Lumber Company, which was both a factory and lumber yard, the Robard manufacturing company with their “art metal works” and the Brennan Lumber Co. at 7th and Frank. The Bonn Manufacturing Co. “one of the largest plants in the city, occupies with its factories, the entire tract of land between Acrade, Dutchess and Wells Street and the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad,” near today’s Seeger Square is located.

The prosperity that brought a building boom and population surge to Dayton’s Bluff starting in the 1880’s continued into the next decade. In 1893 there was a severe nation-wide depression that stilled the economic progress, but there was a partial recovery. Most of the remaining building sites were filled up with an ambitious round of speculative building. The Pioneer Press story described what it considered some of the finer houses in Dayton’s Bluff. One “beautiful home, with its ample grounds” was a square two-story house, built of stone—is that built Samuel M. ayall on East Seventh street near the top of the hill. On the opposite side of the street, just beyond the bridge, is the substantial and pretty home of J. K. Murphie. The house is a modern structure, and with the terraced lawn and pleasant nooks beneath ample shade trees, forms a pleasing picture to the eye of the beholder.”

Constantine Heinrich, owner of the Foot Schulze & Co. in downtown had “an elegant house at 342 Bates,” and “M.athew Holl owns a stately residence on Hoffman Avenue. Among others may be mentioned the residence of A ndrew Schoch., the popular merchant on Maria Avenue. The streetcars were starting to have a major effect on the development of St. Paul’s neighborhoods. People were no longer limited by their ability to walk downtown to work or shop if they were not wealthy enough to have a carriage. Far more land was available for construction.

However, as the newspaper pointed out, it was difficult to get the streetcars to serve Dayton’s Bluff because of the steep grade. The first solution was cars that were assisted up the steep grade with a cable pulled by mules at the top of the hill. By 1889, the cable system reached to Seventh and Duluth where a car barn was constructed and remained for many years.

One important contemporary event that was not mentioned in the Pioneer Press article was the creation of Indian Mound Park, as it was first called. In 1888, a newly formed Park Board began to condemn land for public parks. Including a twenty acre site, located “on the edge of the bluff” and “crowned with five superb Indian mounds.”

However, things did not go smoothly. According to a paper, the initial attempt to “acquire a spacious park” was “defeated by the rapacity of real estate speculators,” it took until 1892 to acquire seventeen acres of the bluff, including several Indian mounds.

A round 1896, more land was purchased through a bond issue and the city started grading streets through the area, removing eleven mounds in the process. There would be driveways for carriages and a walkway to the Fish Hatchery below. It was also decided to make Hoffman (Mounds Boulevard) part of a developing parkway system.

In its 1898 annual report the Board of Park Commissioners said the park “already attracts a multitude of visitors and “when replotted with trees and grass it will be a beautiful spot what there is of it” They were disappointed that a large part of the current park “consists of the steep hillside, leaving only a narrow strip along the bluff.”

We started this column with the article “Residence District Designed by Nature,” and might well end with it. The conclusion in the Pioneer Press recapped a belief that the area could be a premier St. Paul location, especially since its earlier problems of isolation had been addressed. It had high hopes for the future.

“Dayton’s Bluff was for a long period the most eligible residence portion of the city by reason of the splendid view it commands,” the article started. “Unlike the level prairie of St. Anthony Hill, it presents a succession of terraces, each commanding an extensive prospect of the city and the adjacent valley of the Mississippi River,” and should soon be embraced by the public.

The article concluded with a bit of advice that might be good to embrace more than a century later: W hat is needed to lift this part of the city to the rank of a successful competitor to St. Anthony Hill is that its residents and property owners shall unite in a determined purpose to develop its natural beauty - to enter upon a systematic improvement of its streets and boulevards, generously plant and cultivate shade and ornamental trees, beautify homes and their surroundings.

A Short History of Dayton’s Bluff by Steve Trimble
**Give a Hoot**

by Mary Petrie

Those of us of a certain age will remember the “Give a Hoot, Don’t Pollute” campaign of some years past, in which a wise old owl counseled youth on their responsibilities to the earth. Lessons of civic duty and stewardship are embodied in that simple phrase: give a hoot, don’t pollute.

In sum, as children we were told to care— to care for our land and to take care in our own conduct. This good old owl knew that respect falls both ways: you demonstrate self-respect when you act respectfully toward other people and our shared land.

We sure could use that owl today.

On July 5 I took my first post-
Fourth of July run along Mounds Park river bluff. The thousands of revelers left behind thousands of pieces of garbage. There were piles upon piles of spent fireworks: an hour of fun spent shooting light and sparks into the sky, and the casings and wrappers just abandoned. People casually tossed pop cans, plastic cups, paper plates, food containers, fireworks wrappers, balloons, used diapers, shoes, and bets onto the ground, using the grass as one big waste receptacle. Scraps of paper were everywhere, as if an airplane had dropped confetti along the river bluff.

As I moved through the mess, I couldn’t help but wonder about the psyche of someone who sucks down a Slurpee in a public park, drops the cup on the ground, and walks away. Is this deliberate disregard, a calculated demonstration about how little one cares about others? Is this thoughtlessness—could our Slurpee sipper really not know better? Or does so much casual littering mean that self-interest has become so primary that many people no longer put the greater good side by side with their own immediate needs and push for gratification?

I vote for #3. Consider our political climate - privatization is touted as the solution to problems that used to be considered a collective responsibility, like social security and health care for the poor. As individual consumers we are faced with thousands of products designed to keep us happy, and in, our one-family homes. We’re cocooning. We’re private. We’re working hard to insure that our children go to the best schools, have all the advantages, and be ready to succeed. Of course, at some primal point self-interest must come first. We all want life, happiness, and security for family and friends. But as those basic requirements are being secured, shouldn’t we work toward securing those needs for others? Wouldn’t as working together to take care of each other, as families, communities, and cultures— or as a bare minimum, at least acknowledging the rights and needs of others— build individual self-respect more solidly than a new Game Boy, Jimmy Choo heels, or plasma TV?

But if our sense of self is defined not by others and by our actions as community members— but by what we own, how we appear, and how much social status we leverage— there’s little impetus to understanding that the greater good is actually our good.

Making a pile of garbage out of Mounds Park says piles about our people. It’s too bad that for some, self-respect seems to have lost its mooring to respect for others and the environment.

But I’m an optimist. I bet the majority of people didn’t dump ashtrays on the sidewalk but used the garbage cans or walked home with wrappers stuffed in their pockets. I bet that a whole lot of people who stood along the river bluff to watch the fireworks were surprised and disgusted to watch their neighbors pitch garbage. And, I bet that a whole slew of city workers, the foot soldiers who miraculously transformed Mounds Park back to its normal beauty in one short day, don’t toss garbage cans or soda cups onto public ground. Let’s hope that majority rules the next Fourth of July.

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**An afternoon visit to the Mounds Theatre**

by J. Wittenberg

In planning to venture to the new Mounds Theatre District Forum, I took the old carriage, pulled by my single standard breed. Being the first time taking her out, there was much harnessing to be done, oiling of leather, and tightening and rechecking of buckles and choke straps. I even secured the orange triangle on the back to make certain I was legal for our venerable city roads. When the feeding was full, I was out below the open air.

The journey was fine, up Mounds Boulevard and left on Earl, where one woman literally dropped her apples upon seeing me. In pulling up in front of the marquee I tied my beauty to the nearest lampost and found the doors to the theatre open.

Inside, all was lit up to welcome me, but alas in the beginning I found not a living soul therein. I called out “hello” but was greeted with silence. After 5 minutes of taking a brief, self-guided walking tour, a little girl with pale blonde hair peeked from behind the curtain. I called out to this yellow-eyed waif and asked if she would come hither and assist me. She answered me by slipping back behind the curtain, would she rather have me nor behold no vision of her again.

Boldly, I called up the darkened stairwell and announced myself once more in the lobby. I identified myself as being employed by the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum, which usually prompts a quick rolling out of the red carpet…but not today. Thankfully, as I exited the building I was met by a spectacled man of some proud bearing who was apparently on his way in. This gentleman asked to be anonymous; but said he knew of this edifice and that he was working hard to bring films back to this jewel of an institution.

I learned that the last film at the theatre was in ’67. He believed our paper has its heart in the right place, to better inform the culturally discerning inhabitants of Dayton’s Bluff of all the events at the Mounds Theatre which ought to tantalize one’s senses. For films they will be offering “Bullitt” on July 28th and 30th, starring that young man who is all the rage these days: the one and only Steve McQueen. This August, the play “Disney’s The Jungle Book” will be running on the grand 900 square foot stage. And recently, this venue, which boasts Art Deco interior and its own in house organ and piano, has become popular as a locale for weddings and reunions, to mention business meetings and conferences whereby a company can proudly have its name displayed in lights!

As we stood outside and I wrote all this down, the gentleman said that we need more Bluff residents to partake of these events. So I implore our citizens of such distinguished taste offer your business instead to this important neighborhood establishment, lest it fade into obscurity once more.
Allowing the soil evaporation helps shade the soil, preventing growth to about 2.5 - 3 inches. This promotes disease. It is not recommended, as it may promote disease. Rainfall at 4pm to 9pm, and watering at night promotes scalding of soil and increases the natural beauty and practical benefit of a rain garden make it an increasingly popular choice for home gardeners who want to do their part to improve water quality, and many residents seek resources on how to add these lovely features to their yards, schools and businesses. This program will describe what a rainwater garden is, how to build one, and why they can be important for our lakes, rivers and wetlands.

The workshop will include a “how to” approach, giving participants information about where a rainwater garden should be placed, soil preparation, plant selection and other nuances of rainwater garden construction.

The tour will include visits to established rain gardens in the city of St. Paul. Staff from the Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District will be on hand to share information about their cost-share program and available services for native landscaping projects in Ramsey County.

Workshops:
- Monday, August 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- Thursday, August 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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- Thursday, August 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Bus Tour:
- Monday, August 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Putting Down Roots: Rain Gardens in Residential Settings

Friends of the Mississippi River (FMR) will host a two-part workshop: Putting Down Roots: Rain Gardens in Residential Settings on August 15 or August 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm; and a bus tour on August 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. On Monday, August 15 the workshop will be held at Hillcrest Recreation Center in St. Paul, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The workshop will be repeated on Thursday, August 18 at West Side Community Health Services (La Clinica) in St. Paul, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Participants of both workshops are invited to meet at West Side Community Health Services on Monday, August 22 at 6:30 pm for a tour of residential rain gardens in St. Paul. Bus transportation is provided for the tour.

Both the workshop and tour are free of cost and open to all but pre-registration is required. Please contact Beth Storey at FMR to register, 651/222-2193 ex. 16 or bstorey@fmr.org.

This program features landscape restoration ecologist Gregg Thompson of the Association of Metropolitan Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Mr. Thompson is experienced in the areas of landscape ecology, horticulture, and native landscape design and restoration. He is involved in native plant community restoration, native re-vegetation, storm water treatment practices utilizing native vegetation, and bio-stabilization on shore lands and stream banks.

Sweet Ways to Beat the Heat

Enough about the plants, what about keeping yourself comfortable. You don’t have to leave Dayton's Bluff for cool refreshment. Next time you are out on the beach at Lake Phalen, stop in for ice cream at the Dari-ette Drive-In. It’s located on Minnehaha Ave. just east of Birmingham St. (across from the Post Office). They serve an array of frozen desserts and Italian food, as well. Customers say to stock up on their spaghetti sauce before they close for the season.

Another icy option is the walk-up Dairy Queen on Earl St. between 3rd and 4th Sts. Or, luxuriate in the shade at Swede Hollow Cafe’s outdoor garden patio. They offer iced beverages and fresh desserts.

So next time the mercury rises, take the opportunity to explore the local offerings.

Nickeled and Dimed: a letter to the editor

Chemical issues don’t play a role. It’s a chicken/egg question. Some people have it all and lose it all to cocaine. But some use chemicals to ease the pain of hard labor - which itself ruins the bodies of even people in their twenties. Some never had anything to begin with.

To say, as pundits often do, that the poor are just too lazy to pull themselves up by their bootstraps is incorrect. The question is what thousands are not afforded in the down-and-out are that way because you're poor because God hates you. We are treated as human beings. Many companies assume that the poor are treacherous sinners who need to be treated like animals. It’s the question of whether the maid who nips in for the maid service doesn’t cover expenses and upper classes to avoid seeing that they have the power to help.

Now I’ve complained a lot about my job. But at the most basic level I have what thousands are not afforded in their place of employment: dignity. We are treated as human beings. Many companies assume that the poor are treacherous sinners who need to be treated like animals. It’s the question of whether the maid who nips in for the maid service doesn’t cover expenses and upper classes to avoid seeing that they have the power to help.

The housing crisis will be the major issue in years to come. I’m not sure what the solution might be. I don’t blame anyone for being wary of the crime often attaching itself to low-income housing. But what of the honest, hard-working poor? Do they not deserve a safe place to call home?
Debbie…. Dog Training & Grooming Diva!

by Sean Gavere

How long have you lived on the East Side? What do you appreciate about the East Side? A big part of what makes the East Side so great is that the businesses contribute so much to making our community better. My partner and I have had the distinct pleasure of living on the East Side for one year now. We moved from a downtown St. Paul condo to a nice neighborhood on the 700 block of Wilson Avenue.

Once we moved in we decided that it was time to start a family so we adopted a dog. It has been many years since either one of us had a dog in the family and had to brush up on our dog care and training knowledge. We turned to books and videos only to get frustrated because those techniques were not working the way we had anticipated.

One day my luck changed! I was driving home from work and came across this little shop near the corner on Wilson and Maria called Debbie’s Doghouse. I quickly jotted the phone number down on a piece of paper and called when I got home. Upon calling, I was greeted by a lovely voice and she told me about everything that Debbie’s Doghouse had to offer. The most appealing options to me were the option to have Debbie work with our dog Maxie. I have never had a problem getting her collar and leash on and drag her down to Debbie’s, but to my surprise DEBBIE CAME TO OUR HOME! This is what I call personal training!

Debbie’s philosophy is that the most successful way to train your dog is by working with him or her in their own environment. Her caring nature and love for dogs really shined through in working with Maxie. Our dog absolutely loves her and is excited to see her every time we go down to Debbie’s Doghouse for a bath, brush, and clip. When Debbie comes to the house to work with Maxie, the dog behaves, learns, and loves to spend time just playing with Debbie. Her prices are VERY reasonable and there is more care and concern put into training and grooming than I have ever received at one of those big chain pet department stores.

Because we have been so lucky to have Debbie work with Maxie and train her, we have now expanded our family once more with another dog. We recently adopted a Beagle pup named Calvin. From my experience with Debbie, I now have the tools to start remedial training and then send him off to Debbie for more advanced training.

Debbie has been absolutely incredible and without her our life with Maxie would have been very challenging and messy! If you have a dog or are thinking about adopting a dog, call Debbie to talk to her about it. She can provide you with guidance on what to be aware of and help you make good choices to match you to a dog. I have never had a problem scheduling time with Debbie to come and work with our dog.

Debbie’s Doghouse is located at 805 Hudson Road (near the corner of Wilson and Maria). Her days and hours of operation are Tuesday – Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call for appointments…651-776-4080.

Thank you Debbie for being a great small business that impacts our community!

It’s Time to Clean Up

On Saturday, September 10, 2005 the Dayton’s Bluff Annual Neighborhood Clean Up will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Ray Anderson & Sons north of East 7th Street at the end of Atlantic. It’s time to clean up your yards and homes and get ready for the clean up. More information about the clean up will be in the September issue of the Forum. Volunteers are needed to help with the clean up. There will be limited item pick up for Seniors Citizens with no means of transportation. Call 651-772-2075 to volunteer or for more information.

DO NOT BRING APPLIANCES TO THE CLEAN UP. On Monday, September 12, 2003 J.R.’s Appliance Disposal will be doing a special curbside appliance pickup in Dayton’s Bluff. The cost is $25.00 for one appliance, plus $10.00 for each additional appliance and an additional $10.00 for each air conditioner ($35.00). All you have to do is call J.R.’s and sign up for this special pick up. They will let you know the cost for your appliances. Then have your old appliances on the curb on September 12th. Call Joan at J.R.’s 651-454-9215.

Leo’s Chow Mein

We specialize in Chow Mein, Fried Rice, Egg Foo Young

Dine In or Take Out
Lunch Buffet
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
$4.25
Hours 11:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
6 Days a Week
1059 Hudson Road

Parkway Gardens Open House

Parkway Gardens, the senior rental complex at 1145 Hudson Road (the old Johnson Bros. Liquor Store site), is now open and taking applications for residency.

Parkway Gardens offers one- and two-bedroom apartments with a variety of floor plans to choose from. Some apartments come with eat-in kitchens and they can be outfitted for handicapped accessibility. The apartments are unfurnished but come with a wall mounted air conditioner and kitchen appliances, including a dishwasher. Extra storage is available and the units are cable-ready. Heat, water, sewer and trash removal are included with the rent but residents must pay their own electric bills. One underground parking space is provided on an as-available basis.

Other amenities at Parkway Gardens include laundry facilities on every floor, community rooms, library, resident business center with computers and Internet access, sewing room, game room with a billiard table, wellness center, and a beauty shop.

There is an enclosed outdoor courtyard for picnics and barbeques, a landscaped area with paths and a pond, and a parking lot for visitors.

Parkway Gardens is managed by Metes and Bounds Management Co. Contact May or Abby at 651-771-0267 for more information or a tour.

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Call anytime for service or information
Volunteer Opportunity: Child Care/Nursery Assistant

One, two, we’re ready for you. Three, four open the door...assist agency staff in providing supervision and care for the children who must wait while their parents complete interviews, or attend support groups or counseling sessions.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age. Contact Ramsey County Community Human Services—Volunteer Services at 651-266-4090 for additional information or e-mail to volunteerservices@co.ramsey.mn.us.

increase in the base per pupil funding formula in each of the next two years, as well as additional resources. That translates into an extra $36.8 million for St. Paul schools over the next two years. That’s good news for our schools and, more importantly, our kids.

The final Health & Human Services bill protected the health insurance of over 30,000 working Minnesotans whose coverage was threatened. It also provided a long-overdue cost of living increase to the men and women who work in our nursing homes and facilities that care for our disabled.

On the economic front, we passed a $1 hourly increase to the minimum wage, a move that will make it easier for thousands of Minnesotans to get ahead. We also passed a significant Capital Investment Bill that is expected to create 10,000 good-paying construction jobs in the state.

I realize the 2005 budget negotiations were sometimes difficult to watch. However, sometimes gridlock is a sign that the system is working, that both sides are standing up for what they believe in. I know that the thousands of Minnesotans who will be able to stay on MinnesotaCare, or the childcare teachers and parents who will benefit from replenished school budgets will agree that these things were worth fighting for.

'Code of Conduct' from page 1:

- Noise levels must not be too loud, particularly between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. to be considerate of your neighbors. "Too loud" means you can plainly hear it at the property line if the noise is outside a home.
- Behavior of our family and guests living in and visiting our homes is our responsibility.
- Possessing or drinking beer or liquor is against the law in city parks.
- The use or selling of illegal drugs anywhere in our community will not be tolerated.
- Gatherings, house parties, and yard parties should not infringe on our neighbors’ rights and the noise level should not be too loud. (See noise level guideline above.)
- Vehicles causing loud noise because of defective or modified exhaust systems must be brought into compliance with the City of St. Paul noise ordinance. Also, loud home and vehicle stereo "boom-boom" cars will not be tolerated.
- Commercial trucks and school buses must be parked in officially permitted areas according to the zoning code.
- Trash and debris must be in tightly closed trashcans and collected weekly. Trash should be stored behind your home and should be in front of the house only on trash collection day.
- Grass or other landscaping materials should cover yards. Grass must be kept shorter than 8 inches and overgrown vegetation must be trimmed.

Deadline for material: August 10.

'Final Budget' from page 1:

- Cars should be kept in a garage or parked on approved surfaces (that is, those covered with asphalt, concrete, or crushed rock) or parked on the street.
- Dogs and other animals must be contained within the home or yard, or on a leash. They should not be allowed to bark or make noise to the point of nuisance. (See noise level guideline above.)

Snow should be removed from your sidewalk within 24 hours after a snowfall. Cars parked on the street must be moved for snow emergencies.

If we see suspicious activity or believe a neighbor is in distress, we will contact the appropriate authorities.

As residents we agree to communicate the terms of our neighborhood code of conduct to other homeowners, landlords, and tenants. Landlords should ask their tenants to follow the neighborhood code of conduct and be responsible for infractions to our contract. Landlords and tenants should be in agreement that breaking the code will be cause for eviction.

All races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, and classes will be embraced with dignity and respect given to all. Ethnic or cultural allegiance and biases will not exempt individuals from their responsibility toward community cohesion and consideration.

Remember! If you have a problem with a neighbor, make an attempt to talk with him or her to work it out.

For more information call Karin at 651-772-2075.