

# Dayton's Bluff DISTRICT FORUM

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## This month in 2000...



...'Thespian Snoopy' came to the Mounds Theatre.



Rooftop Tomatoes: August 2005 saw tomatoes ripen every where; from the Farmers Market, to roof of Leo's Chow Mein.



Under the Radar: Third Street speeders were treated to a reality check, now under wraps again.

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## Neighborhood 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. For more information about the Clean Up see the ad on page 5. There will be limited item pick-up for Seniors Citizens with no means of transportation. Volunteers are needed to help with the Clean Up. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 to volunteer or for more information.

**DO NOT BRING APPLIANCES TO THE CLEAN UP.** On Monday, September 12, 2005 J.R.'s Appliance Disposal will be doing a special curb side appliance pick up in Dayton's

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## Community Council Seeks Board Members

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council would like to have you on board if you can attend two meetings per month, want to make a difference, and like to meet other people.

Benefits of serving as a board member for the Dayton's Bluff Community Council include: Your voice and input count; you have the opportunity to network with other great people from the neighborhood; you can learn about neighborhood issues and how to run a non-profit organization; and it provides a great reference for future opportunities.

Criteria for serving as a board

member: Must be at least 18 years old, live or own property or operate a business in Dayton's Bluff, care for the betterment of the neighborhood, and have a great smile.

**Election for new board members is Monday, October 17, 2005.** If you are interested in coming on board or would like more information, please call 651-772-2075. To learn more about the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, please go to its website at [www.daytonsbluff.org](http://www.daytonsbluff.org).

**Koj thiaj li yuav pab tau. Xav tau koj tuaj ua ib tug npauj.**

Lub koom haum Dayton's Bluff Community Council xav tau koj kev pab yog tias koj muaj sij hawm tuaj sab laj ob zaug ib lub hli twg, muaj lub siab pab thiab xav ntsib lwm cov neeg.

Kev zoo rau yus yog yus tau ua ib tug npauj. Yus tej tswv yim thiab kev pom zoo muaj nuj qhi, muaj sij hawm ntsib lwm cov neeg zoo nyob rau ntawm thaj chaw no thiab, muaj kev kawm txog tej teeb meem nyob ntawm lub zej zog los yog thaj chaw, kawm txog kev dhia koom haum, thiab yus kuj siv tau yus txoj kev pab no mus

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## Another Successful 'Night Out' in Dayton's Bluff

National Night Out events in Dayton's Bluff were very successful this year. Police and Fire Department personnel attended all of the events.

The kids always like the fire engines. Each event reported lively conversations between people, and some neighbors met neighbors who

they did not know before.

654 Beech Margaret Block Club member Bill Healey did an excellent job of contacting the press and news media about his block club's event. Dayton's Bluff National Night Out events were featured on the news on TV Channels 5, 9 and 11. The Saint Paul Pioneer Press had pictures and a nice article by Laura Yuen.

Some events had face painting, pony rides, ping-pong tournaments and DJ music. A number of bands played, including Next Exit, and Karaoke was the activity of choice for a number of National Night Out events. This year there were all kinds of games for the kids. People are already talking about next year's events. For more information call Karin at 651-772-2075. ■



## Author Reading

**Thursday, September 15,** - at 7 p.m. Dave Kenney, author of last year's *Minnesota Goes to War*, offers a virtual tour through 150 years of local history in *Twin Cities Album*, recently published by Minnesota Historical Society Press. Join Kenney at the Hayden Heights Branch Library for this trip through the past and into the neighborhoods we call home. Hayden Heights Library is located at 1456 White Bear Avenue, at the intersection of Nevada and White Bear Avenues. Sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library. ■



## Swede Hollow Cafe Gets a Face-Lift.

Owner Wes Linstrom (far left), Eric Wickstrom, and Kristen Kuehn show off the acclaimed cafe's newest features. The rich hues of the gleaming counter, bountiful display case, and product shelves do justice to the rich flavors within. They still offer the great time-tested breakfast, lunch, and dessert items that have made the Swede Hollow Cafe a best-kept-secret, only now the cabinets are as fresh as the cookies!

## You Are Invited . . .

**Friday, September 19** - In cooperation with the University of Minnesota's College of Natural Resources Capstone Class, The Dayton's Bluff Community Council will host a public meeting for a natural resources project.

University of Minnesota students will begin a project to assess and plan for the future of our natural features, parks, trails, and recreational facilities as well as environmental educational opportunities. This meeting will allow them to hear from District residents about what they value most about the neighborhood as well as challenges and issues of concern. Everyone is welcome to attend, observe, and participate. Come and let your voice be heard for the planning of our neighborhood!

Each year seniors in the College of Natural Resources undergraduate program work with a client to perform 'real world' projects involving land use planning. This year the Dayton's Bluff District Council is working with the students. They have identified four project or study areas:

- \*Public plantings, vegetation assessment and management
- \*Trail infrastructure, linkages and management
- \*Playground and recreation assessment and management
- \*Environmental education programming and centers development

Each study involves evaluating the current natural resource and infrastructure inventory, developing a vision statement and recommendations for management, and linking the recommendations to relevant plans previously developed by the Community Council, the City of St. Paul, and regional groups.

Students work in groups of four to six people. The group's goal is to gather data relevant to the client's needs, analyze the data and, based on the data, make recommendations for future use. Students will produce a final written report, develop a formal presentation describing their findings, and present their findings to the community in December at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council offices at 798 East 7th Street. Contact Karin at 651-772-2075 for more information. ■

## Sacred Heart's Annual Fall Festival

**Sunday, September 11** - Sacred Heart Church at Sixth and Arcade will hold its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a large garage sale, children's games, pony rides, pull-tabs, a raffle and delicious food. For more information, contact Sacred Heart at 651-776-2741. ■

## Faculty Art Exhibition

**Thursday, September 22** - Opening reception 4-7 p.m. Exhibit hours Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Sundays; Third Floor Gallery, Library and Learning Center, Saint Paul Campus, 645 East Seventh Street. The exhibit runs Sept. 16 through Oct. 7 and features resident and community faculty of studio arts, intermedia arts, screenwriting and theater. ■

## Your Daily Angstrom

Here's a new word for your vocabulary: Angstrom. An angstrom is one ten-thousandth the width of a human hair. And that's how small a mineral particle has to be in order to enter and nourish our body cells. Yet without angstrom minerals, sickness and disease set in.

There is a new anti-aging technology on the market; the result of eight years of research, that is making angstrom sized minerals available in liquid form. The pioneering company is Eniva Corporation, located right here in the Twin Cities.

Attend a FREE seminar to learn about the vital connection between angstrom-sized minerals and your health. It will be held in the comfort of the newly restored Mounds Theatre located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minn. For more information call Barbara at 651-771-7242. We'll see you there! ■

## Starting Gate Opens New Season at Mounds

Starting Gate Productions is delighted to announce that it will be moving to the Mounds Theatre located at 1029 Hudson Road in Dayton's Bluff for its fourth season. The season opens with "Godspell" in September 2005.

Starting Gate's fourth season is being called "The Wonder Season: A Tribute to the Sixties". It was a time unlike any other. The 1960s was a turbulent decade of change and upheaval for America and the world as individuals and communities redefined themselves and their place in society. Starting Gate Productions brings you four opportunities to experience the Wonder Years.

### Godspell

Written by Stephen Schwartz; directed by Christopher Teipner  
September 9 - October 1, 2005

The gospel of St. Matthew re-imagined for the generation of the Age of Aquarius. Against the backdrop of war, this uplifting musical sings a song of peace.

### A Raisin in the Sun

Written by Lorraine Hansberry; directed by Dawn Renee Jones  
November 4-19, 2005

On the brink of the Civil Rights movement, this compelling drama electrified both Black and White, and illuminated the experience of being a Negro in America.

### Butterflies are Free

Written by Leonard Gershe; directed by Lynn Musgrave  
January 13-28, 2006

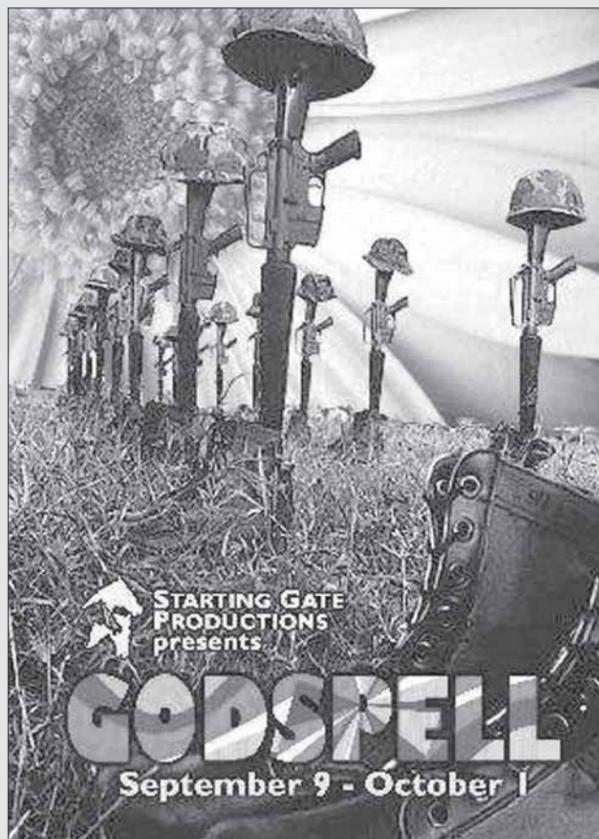
Blind Donnie learns the lessons of freedom as he struggles for identity in this innocent and passionate comedy.

### The Boys in the Band

Written by Mart Crowley; directed by K. Jason Bryan  
May 19 - June 10, 2006

Arguably the most significant gay play ever written, this groundbreaking, searing comedy-drama brought the gay community out of the closet and placed it center stage.

For more information or to order tickets, call Starting Gate Productions at 651.645.3503 or visit their website at [www.startinggate.org](http://www.startinggate.org). ■



## Volunteer Opportunity:

Frequent Filer (aka Office Assistant).

Provide supplementary and auxiliary clerical services to agency staff. Being a Frequent Filer might not be as glamorous as being a frequent flier, but this type of volunteer service is invaluable to this large social service agency. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

Contact Ramsey County Community Human Services—Volunteer Services at 651-266-4090 for additional information e-mail [volunteer\\_services@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:volunteer_services@co.ramsey.mn.us). ■

## Bar Scene

Get your music, meat raffle, or other event listed. Email the District Forum: [KarinDD@msn.com](mailto:KarinDD@msn.com).

Friday Sept 2 & Saturday Sept 3 - Audio Savant @ Mounds Park Lounge.

Friday Sept 9 & Saturday Sept 10 - City Lights @ Mounds Park Lounge.

Friday Sept 16 & Saturday Sept 17 - Rice Street Boyz @ Mounds Park Lounge.

Friday Sept 23 & Saturday Sept 24 - Joey & @ Mounds Park Lounge.

Friday Sept 30 & Saturday Oct 1 - Sting Ray @ Mounds Park Lounge.

## Eastside LGBT Pride

You've seen the bumper stickers on parked cars... You've noted the rainbow flags hanging from windows... You think you've seen your neighbor 'out' at the bar... Well now it's time for us all to actually meet each other.

A few lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Eastside residents are organizing a laid-back, neighborly potluck picnic for the last weekend of September. If you want to help with the planning, want to bring a dish to share, or just want details, please send an email to: [eastsideLGBTpride@hotmail.com](mailto:eastsideLGBTpride@hotmail.com). Your info will be considered confidential. This will be an all-inclusive, all-ages event. Families welcome. ■

## Last Call for Small Business Training

There are still a couple openings for the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Entrepreneur Class starting at the end of September. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts approximately 8 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one to one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan, plus 8 hours of one on ones with the instructor. 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 painting. 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 Karin at 772-2075 for an application. ■

'Clean-Up' from page 1:

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 by September 8th 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 J.R.'s at 651-454-9215 for pick up. ■

### No Experience Required! No Commitment !!!

Just show up the last Thursday of every month at 6:30pm and tell us what we could be doing better. The next meeting will be Sept 29 at The District Council office: 798 East 7th Street, Saint Paul.

## Dayton's Bluff Community Recreation Center

800 Conway St.  
651.793-3885

Director: Jody Griffin - [jody.griffin@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jody.griffin@ci.stpaul.mn.us)

**PARENT TOT PLAY TIME** Ages 0-5; Mon., Wed., Fri.'s; 10 am-12 pm; Free.

**SENIOR CARDS - 500** Friday's; 12:30-4 pm; \$2 weekly fee for the kitty.

**JUDO** Ages 7-12; Sat.'s, Oct. 1; 12-2 pm; Fee: \$15/month = 4 weeks; On-going.

**JUDO FOR TOTS** Ages 4-6; Sat.'s, Oct. 1; 10 am-12 pm; \$15/month = 4 weeks.

**ANNUAL FAMILY FALL BONFIRE** Join us for our 3rd Annual Family Fall Bonfire. Invite your neighbors, or come meet some new ones. Children should be accompanied by adult. Hot cocoa & S'mores. Fri., Sept. 30; 6-8 pm; \$1

**CAMP FIRE COMMUNITY FAMILY CLUB** An opportunity for families to interact with activities that are structured, educational and fun. Meetings led by trained adults, using the CampFire USA outcome-based curriculum. Meets the last Monday of each month through May of 2006. Food served. Mon., Sept. 26 - May 2006; 6-8 pm; \$22 per family.

**IRISH DANCING** Six-week course provides students with the basics of Irish dancing, including form, technique and timing. Designed for 5-12 year-olds with no previous experience. Wed., Oct. 5; 6-7 pm; \$30; 6 sessions.

**MONDAY MOVIE MYSTERY** Second and fourth Mondays of each month we show a great movie on our big 20x20' screen. Movie categories will include new releases, classics, romances, and comedies. No sign up and no costs. Mon., Sept. 19; 6-8 pm; Free; 12 weeks

**AFRO-CARIBBEAN DANCING** You will learn various techniques related to contractions, isolating parts of the body and rhythm. Ages 6-15 Sat., Oct. 1; \$50 or \$5 per week; 10 sessions

**BEGINNING CHESS** This class is for players who have never played chess or have had very little experience. Each student should bring a chess set to class if possible. Sat., Oct. 8; 11:15-12:15; \$16; 8 sessions; Limit 12

**INTERMEDIATE CHESS** Open to adults and children at least 12 years old. Each student should bring a chess set to class if possible. Sat., Oct. 8; 12:45-1:45 pm; \$16; 8 sessions; Limit 12.

**BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE** All kids grades 4-7th gr. are welcome. Adult chaperones needed. Thurs., Sept. 29; 5:30-8:30 pm; \$3 or \$2 with canned good.

**CHEER AMERICA CHEER-LEADING** Ages 5 & up. Open house registration will be Sept. 26 from 6-7 pm. Mon., Oct. 3; 6-7:30 pm; \$4 registration fee + \$6 / week; 11 sessions.

**YOUNG AMERICANS SELF DEFENSE** Ages 5 & up. Open house registration will be Sept. 28 from 6-7 pm. Wed., Oct. 5; 6-8 pm; \$4 registration fee & \$6 / week; 12 sessions.

**MUSICAL BABIES** Ages 6 mo.-3 yrs. Offers parents and babies a time together to explore music. Activities include singing, dancing, focused listening and simple instrument playing. Scholarships available. Fri., Sept. 23; 9:30-10:15 am; \$180; 15 sessions.

**MUSICAL TODDLERS** Ages 2-4. Toddlers and parents explore the fundamentals of music, through age-appropriate musical experiences. Scholarships available. Fri., Sept. 23; 10:30-11:15 am; \$180; 15 sessions.

**PRE-BALLET** Ages 4-6. Students learn basic principles and steps of ballet. Pink leather ballet shoes required. \$10 costume fee due the first day of class. Fri., Oct. 7; 9:30-10:00 am. \$40; 10 sessions.

**BEGINNING BALLET** Ages 7-12 Traditional ballet class, including

stretches, barre work, center work, and traveling steps. Leotard, tights, and pink leather ballet shoes required. \$10 costume fee payable the first day of class. Fri., Oct. 7; 10:15-11:15 pm; Fee: \$40; 10 sessions

**TUMBLING TOTS** Ages 3-4. Work on basic gymnastic and listening skills, body awareness and problem solving in individual and group activities. Sat., Oct. 1; 10-10:30 am; \$22; 6 sessions.

**KINDER TOTS** Ages 4-6. Teaches forward and backward rolls and proper use of basic apparatus through relays, games, exercises and races. Sat., Oct. 1; 10:30-11:20 am; \$26; 6 sessions.

**SPORTIES FOR SHORTIES** A wide variety of fun, active games in a cooperative, non-competitive atmosphere. Tues., Oct. 1; 11:30-2:30 pm; Ages: 3-5 yrs.; \$12; 6 wks

**TEEN CLUB** Club for area youth who want to get involved in positive social, cultural, and community service activities. Tuesdays & Thursdays. Free. New members are wanted.

**BEGINNING LATIN DANCING FOR ADULTS** Basic steps with variations, and reading/following, will be taught for the mambo/salsa, merengue, and cha-cha. Please bring a partner. Mon., Oct. 10; 6:30-7:30 pm; \$40; 8 sessions.

**SELF DEFENSE** This class will teach a variety of techniques to prevent assaults and defend yourself. Mon., Oct. 3; 6:15-8:15 pm; 8 sessions; \$45.

**KICKBOXING** Tues., Oct. 4; 6:30-7:30 pm; 6 sessions; \$45.

**BEGINNING SWING DANCING FOR ADULTS** The basics of leading and following, turns and other variations, tailored to your skill level. First-timers and those with two left feet are welcome. Please bring a partner. Mon., Oct. 10; 6:15-7:15 pm; \$40; 8 sessions.

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** Our seasonal multi-family garage sale. Reserve a table for only \$6 each. Must reserve by Sept. 30. Sat., Oct. 8; 9 am-2:30 pm; \$6 / table

**OVER 30 VOLLEYBALL & BASKETBALL** Spend your lunch break on the court. Perfect for recreational pick-up games or skill work. Children are not admitted. Thurs., Oct. 6; 11:30 am-1:30 pm; \$1 / week; 10 weeks

**SOCIAL BALLROOM DANCING** Fox Trot, Waltz, Lindy-Swing and Latin and Disco by teacher named best dance instructor by City Pages and Mpls./St. Paul Magazine. Sample the first lesson for \$15. For information call Dean at 952.476-4044. Singles and walk-ins welcome. After completing the four sessions, you may receive free repeat lessons for two months. Fri., Oct. 7; 7:30-9 pm; \$45; 4 sessions.

**TAE BO VIA VIDEO** A highly effective conditioning program that combines martial arts moves, boxing, ballet and hip-hop dancing with basic exercise motions. Bring a water bottle and a mat. Fri., Oct. 7; 5-6 pm; Tues., Oct. 4; 9:15-10:15 am; \$3 per session; 8 weeks

**NFL FOOTBALL PICKS** Pick up a form in the center office. Must turn in picks by Thurs of each week. Begins 1st week in Sept. Ages 7-17; 11 wks; Free

**COUNTRY SUN FARMS** Youth 6 and under will enjoy the oversized haunted house, spider and pumpkin, live animals, hayride and pick out pumpkin to bring home. Child must be accompanied by an adult. Fri., Oct. 7; 1-4 pm; \$5.50.

**VOLLEYBALL** Come one or come with a group to enjoy a fun night of exercise. Fri., Sept. 16; 6-8:45 pm; \$1 per week.



### Amazing Grace Assembly of God

1237 Earl St.  
651-778-1768  
Sun 9:30 am - Sunday school all ages  
Sun 10:30 am - morning Worship  
Sun 6:00 pm - evening Worship

### Hmong Asbury United Methodist

815 Frank St.  
651-771-0077

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

655 Forest St.  
651-776-4737  
Sat 5:00 pm - Evening Service  
Sun 9:00 am - Morning Service  
Sun 10:15-11:15 am - Sunday School & Bible Hour  
Sun 11:15 - Hmong Service

### Faith Temple - Templo De Fe

1510 Payne Ave  
651-778-0096  
Sun 10:30 am - Span/Engl Srvc  
Sun 6:00 pm - Span/Engl Srvc  
Wednesday family night

### First Lutheran Church ELCA

463 Maria  
651-776-7210  
Sun 9:00 am - Worship  
Fellowship following Worship  
Sun 10:15 am - Education all ages

### Mounds Park United Methodist

1049 Euclid St.  
651-774-8736  
Sun 9:30 am - Worship

### Our Savior's Lutheran 'LCMS'

674 Johnson Pkwy  
651-774-2396  
Summer Worship Service hours:  
Sun 9:15 am, Wed - 7:15 pm  
Starting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>: no Wed srvc  
Sun - 8am Worship, 9:20 edu hour  
Sun 10:45am - Worship

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church

840 E. 6th St.  
651-776-2741  
(Subject to change: Call ahead)  
Sat 4:00 pm - Mass  
Sun 9:00 am - Mass  
Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 am - Service

### St. John's Catholic Church

977 E. 5th St.  
651-771-3690  
Mon-Fri 8:00 am - Mass  
Sat 8:00 am & 4:15 pm - Mass  
Sun 9:00 am, 11:00 am - Mass  
(confession before all masses)

### St. John's Church of God in Christ

1154 E. 7th St.  
651-771-7639  
Sun 9:30 am - Sunday School;  
Sun 11:00 am - Worship  
Wed 7:00 pm - Bible Study

### St. John Ev. Lutheran

765 Margaret St.  
651-771-6406  
Sun 9:30 am - Worship  
Thurs 6:30 pm - Worship

# A Short History of Dayton's Bluff *by Steve Trimble*

## Chapter 9: The Turn of the Century

*The bluffs are just beginning to assume their summer garb of green. A picturesque grove lies between the railroad yards and the river. The view of the river is exceptionally beautiful from the park, and on the other lie the flats, with the bluffs of the west side.*

*Pioneer Press May 18, 1902*

As the Twentieth Century unfolded, Dayton's Bluff continued to develop into a modern community. While the pace of building slowed down a bit, new houses, businesses and local amenities were a common sight. There were improvements in the infrastructure, new commercial enterprises and advances in education. In a few years, important technologies such as the automobile would greatly affect the area, as shown by the quote above that hints at the growing concern over parking.

A new generation of East Siders would build on the foundation that had been laid in the preceding years. Two of the areas that had begun in the earlier decades and continued to develop were streetcar service and the amenities and size of Mounds Park.

The neighborhood streetcar service was greatly improved with the switch to electricity. According to the *Pioneer Press* "the advent of the electric railway systems has minimized the distance to the central business portion of the town." Until recently, it said, "the East Seventh street line of street cars was the slow, jerky cable line, which has recently been replaced by the more elegant and speedy electric cars."

The Seventh Street line paralleled the railroad that had originally attracted industry Harvester Plant, located near today's Earl and Seventh. The *Pioneer Press* remarked that "every morning some time before the seven o'clock whistles sound, a long line of men with their dinner pails in their hands can be seen tramping out East Seventh street, bound for the Wood Harvester works."

Even though mass transit in the form of streetcars was available, people did make the trip on foot, possibly to save money. "It is a long tramp to the work," the article concluded, "but many if not the majority of the men employed prefer to walk, though the... electric trains run

right to the works every half hour. Most of the men do not have so far to walk, as the majority of them have made their homes in the East St. Paul district."

A large street car barn was built at East 7th and Duluth. Because of employment, many workers built or bought homes nearby. There was a building boom on streets like Ross, Bush and Reaney. The developing street car system soon extended into the evolving Mounds Park. The line went from Seventh, followed Maria Avenue to Hastings (today's Hudson Road) then east to Earl and into the park.

Like the miles of streetcar lines, the acres and amenities of the park increased. By the turn of the century, the city had purchased over 35 acres of lots and unplatted land. The park went from a narrow fringe of seventeen-and-a-half acres along the bluff to over sixty acres.

The boundary was pushed to the twenty-two acre area owned by the state Fish Hatchery. With the agreement of the Game and Fish Commission, the park was now 82 acres, though Fish Hatchery land was not officially under the control of the Park Board. The city then built a road with an easier grade down the hill to the Hatchery.

At this time, St. Paul was developing a network of boulevards. One of the earliest was Mounds Boulevard, which replaced the older Hoffman Street. It ran from 7th street, went through the park all the way to a new Johnson Parkway that would go to Phalen Lake.

"Its chief object," said an annual reports of the Department of Parks, "is to supply an ornamental driveway between the two parks. For this service it is very popular and when it is finished it will be a useful and important improvement in the boulevard system."

New businesses were regularly popping up in the early 1900's. One of them was the George H. Trout Grocery at 201 Bates — just off Plum St. Around 1902 he bought two lots on Hastings and built a house. His son Karl later said that "on the corner lot, a group of young 'blades' built a tennis court which became a popular 'hangout' for the boys and their girl friends.

"All of the boys were from families who were members of the Dayton's Bluff Methodist Church," Karl recalled. "Our new home, therefore, was the scene of constant action, nights and weekends

with the boys playing tennis and their girl friends cheering them from benches along the side."

"Dad's store was on a very popular corner," Karl continued. "Three streets came together—Bates Avenue, Plum Street and Hastings Avenue. These three streets joined in a wide plaza. In the center of the plaza, between the car tracks and dad's store was a large circular cast-iron drinking fountain for thirsty horses. Six or more horses and wagons could gather around this fountain to quench their thirst."

In addition to neighbors, "the farmers from the extended area... were primarily responsible for making Trout Brothers a profitable business... The location on a main entrance to St. Paul by the Hastings Road to the tri-corner plaza

Congregational Church—whose old building is still located at the northeast corner of Bates and Conway—were holding an entertainment for their music fund. The program featured Sam Johnson, described as a character impressionist and a monologist who was accompanied by Miss Edith Shaw, an elocutionist.

Social page notices also showed that people sometimes moved with the seasons. In May, 1902 it was reported that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hauser of E. 6th Street "have taken a cottage in Lake Elmo for the summer." S. C. Morris and family who during the winter had occupied the Giesen house on Mound Street (the red brick Victorian you can see from the freeway) had returned to their home on Christmas Lake.



The John House around the time it was being constructed. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

with its large cast-iron drinking fountain made it the finest location on Dayton's Bluff."

Turn-of-the-century society columns provide a glimpse of life in the bluff, at least among those who bothered to send items in to the newspapers. In December, 1901, for instance, the *Globe* reported that Mrs. Charles Weinhagen of Bates Avenue had an "entertainment" for "little folks" at her son Fred's ninth birthday. Prominent neighborhood names included Gustave Seeger, whose parents owned a refrigerator factory and Paul Bremer of the banking family.

Smaller weddings were often in homes instead of churches. In 1901 Miss H. Weimar and Oscar Erickson were married at the bride's house on Euclid and would be living nearby at 989 Euclid. Miss Agnes Wright married J. J. Dunlop one Wednesday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. George Parker of Maria Avenue. They were going to live at 1054 McLean.

There were numerous clubs, especially for the women of Dayton's Bluff. In the spring of 1901, Mrs. Larpenteur of Eichenwald Street entertained the Ladies Afternoon Club one Thursday. The guests included women that were among the area's elite: Mrs. Deebach, Mrs. William Brink and Mrs. E. O. Zimmerman. Prizes were awarded to some of the lucky members.

Many activities revolved around area churches. In November, 1901, the Ladies Aid Society of the Bates Avenue M.E. Church was having a turkey supper and Christmas sale at Iron Hall, East Third and Bates. As a display for the celebration, "there will be handkerchiefs from every state in the nation."

In 1902, the members of the Atlantic

During this era, some of the older mansions split off their excess land and had it platted out into new lots. The estate of the grocery magnate P. H. Kelly, for instance, hired an architect to plan and construct a series of two and a half story homes along Maria and Hoffman—today's Mounds Boulevard.

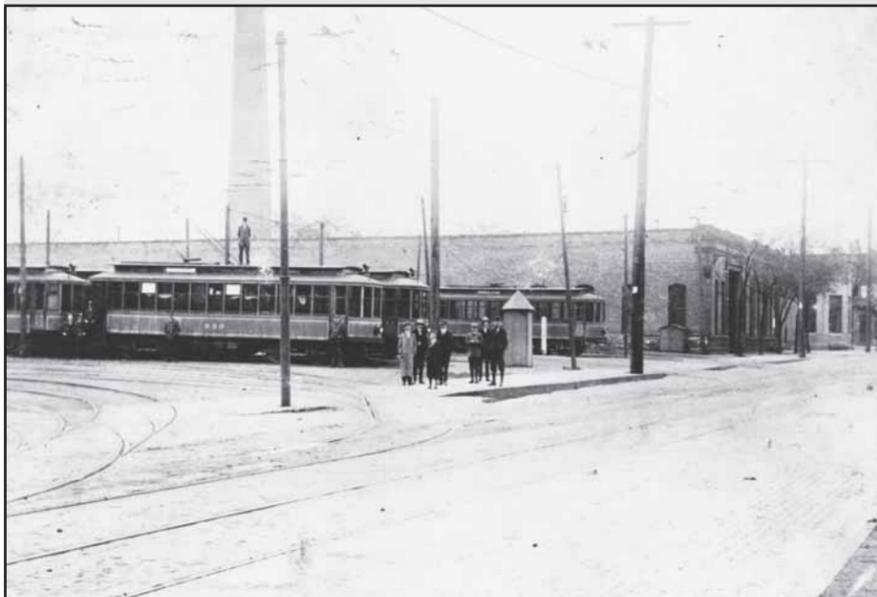
Like other area landmarks, Kelly's old limestone house found a new use. For a time it was used by the Episcopal Church as a home for seniors. Then, in 1906, a group of young community activists leased the structure for a private club they called the Tuxedo. It lasted until the 1920's when the property was taken over by the city. For many years afterwards it was known as the Tuxedo playground.

While the structures were smaller and less ornate than the mansions of the 1880's and 1890's, many stately new homes were built by prosperous community families in the early 1900s. One of them was the Kempien House constructed on a corner lot at 197 Maria in 1905. He was a prominent businessman engaged in the coffee and tea trade.

At the age of seventeen, Kempian had started selling coffee and tea door-to-door, eventually bought an established firm and prospered. He was civic-minded, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and served on the board of the Mounds Park Sanitarium and was elected to the city council.

Another example of a structure from this era is the John House at 373 Maple. Owner Peter John started as a pioneer grocery and saloon owner, with his 1880's store located first on Payne Avenue then at 819 Minnehaha. He

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Street car barns that once stood at East 7th and Earl. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Advertisement:



# Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, September 10, 2005

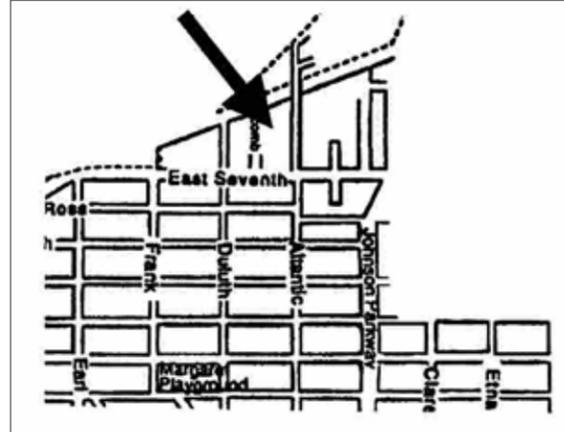
9:00 a.m. to noon

Ray Anderson & Sons

North of East 7<sup>th</sup> St. at the end of Atlantic

(933 Atlantic)

This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff residents only.



## What to bring:

**A proof of Dayton's Bluff residency in the form of a driver's license or utility bill is required to gain entry.**

Be prepared to unload your own materials. Assistance is not available at the cleanup site. Materials will be sorted at the site into different dumpsters to maximize recycling.

In order to simplify unloading, vehicles should be loaded up in the following manner:

**On the bottom of the load:** concrete, bricks, rocks, construction debris, brush.

**In the middle of the load:** bikes and scrap metals, mattresses/box springs, broken furniture and other trash.

**On the top of the load:** reusable household items, electronics: TVs, VCRs, computers, etc., Tires

## Costs:

**Entrance:** \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck. **No dump trucks.**

**Extra Fees:** \$15 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat.

\$3 fee car tire, \$8 per truck tire, plus \$2 if on rim.

\$10 to \$25 per TV, \$10 VCR or computer monitor or

CPU, etc.

\$5 other small electronics.

## What NOT to bring:

**Not all materials are accepted at the cleanup.**

For more information about how to recycle or dispose of these or other items, call 651-222-SORT (7678). TTY for the hearing impaired: 651-221-9832.

**No Rail Road ties or Chemically treated wood.**

**No Appliances:** Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 8, to arrange to have your **appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 12.** Cost \$25/1st appliance, \$10/each additional appliance (there is an \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers and water heaters.

**No Car Batteries:** Bring car batteries to a store that sells them. All stores and services stations that sell car batteries are required by law to accept up to five batteries per person for free.

**No Paint, Pesticides, Motor Oil or other Hazardous Wastes, including Fluorescent Bulbs:** Free disposal at Ramsey County household hazardous waste drop-off site: Bay West, 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, open Wednesday-Friday 11-6 and Saturday 9-4 (April-October) and Saturday 9-4 only (November-March).

**No Leaves, Grass or Brush:** Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11-7, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-5.

**No Curbside Recycling Materials:** Dayton's Bluff District 4 curbside recycling is picked up every Tuesday. Paper, cardboard, glass bottles, cans and many plastic bottles should be recycled.

## Sponsors and Rules:

The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of Saint Paul. The above guidelines will be strictly adhered to. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to turn away any person or vehicle, to refuse any item or to close the site early if dumpsters are filled or costs exceed budget. **There will be limited senior calls to register. For more information call the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.**

## Good Free Stuff at the Cleanup



**Even if you do not have junk or trash to get rid of come and check out the Free Stuff. Swap Stuff.** The cleanup will once again feature a Reuse Area so that used items that still have some life left in them can be shared with new owners. Good stuff like dishes, furniture, building materials, cabinets, lawnmowers, bikes, toys and other items in good condition will be set aside in the Reuse Area for anyone to take home. All materials in the Reuse Area are free and there is no charge to enter this area. **Items must be hauled away from the Free Stuff area by noon on cleanup day or it all goes in the dumpster. So bring your car or truck.**

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sold it and became a foreman for the Hamms Brewery in 1896.

He married one of the Hamm's daughters and joined the brewery's management team. The family hired the architectural firm of Buechner and Orth to build this Georgian Revival style home in 1906. John died in 1911, but the house remained in the family until the 1980's.

The name most often mentioned by old-timers who remembered Dayton's Bluff at the turn-of-the-century was Miss Laura Hand. Her career at Van Buren School spanned two centuries. From 1893 to 1917, she was the school's principal. Miss Hand was especially interested in art and brought back many beautiful prints from European trips. She bought the school's first victrola

and electric lantern (an early version of a slide projector) with a collection thousand slides.

Miss Hand introduced home economics and manual training classes at the school. Raised in an earlier era, she tried her best to provide quality education and to try to continue and older set of social values into a new century.

According to a former student, "Miss Hand felt that the girls should have fine Irish Linen and beautiful silver" when they entertained their mothers at the school luncheons. "Linens and silver were purchased and the latter engraved with the initials V. B." The boys from the Manual Training classes made the chest to hold the linen and silver which was "always treasured and used only on special occasions." ■

## Create a Safe Neighborhood:

### Stand up against crime and drugs!

by Sean Gavere

Why do parts of the East Side have a bad reputation? From what I hear, it is because people feel unsafe about visiting or living in the area due to crime and/or drugs. Well, I for one, say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

In talking with people around the East Side, I commonly hear, "What can I do about it?" Why should you have to live in an area being brought down by people who want to do harm or sell drugs? There's a simple answer, "You don't have to!" Remember that you have the power to control your own environment.

Here are some tips that can help you create a safer and more reputable neighborhood:

1. Talk to your neighbors! Build relationships with those that live near or around you. They may feel the same way you do about what is happening on your block. Discuss how you can help support each other in creating a safer area for you to live.

2. Create a Block Club! Call Karin DuPaul at (651) 772-2075 and organize a group of neighbors to get together, discuss the issues facing the neighborhood, strategies to create solutions and possible police involvement.

3. Be visible! Encourage neighbors to congregate outside. A busy and bustling neighborhood with positive people mingling will deter those that want to do harm or sell drugs.

4. Have pride! Get together with neighbors and help each other clean up the block. A clean and safe area only means that your property values will go up! Protect your investment and make it a safe and enjoyable place to live!

5. Partner with the police! Remember that the police are our

friends. If you notice anything suspicious in your area.....PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL THE POLICE! The more that neighborhoods are patrolled by the police, the less likely someone looking to start trouble will stick around.

6. Report problem or run down properties! If you notice a property will too much trash, cars on blocks or just being too run down, call (651) 266-8989 and report it.

7. Support small business! Instead of shopping at a big chain, go to the corner store to shop whenever you can. Show your appreciation for someone who believes in the neighborhood.

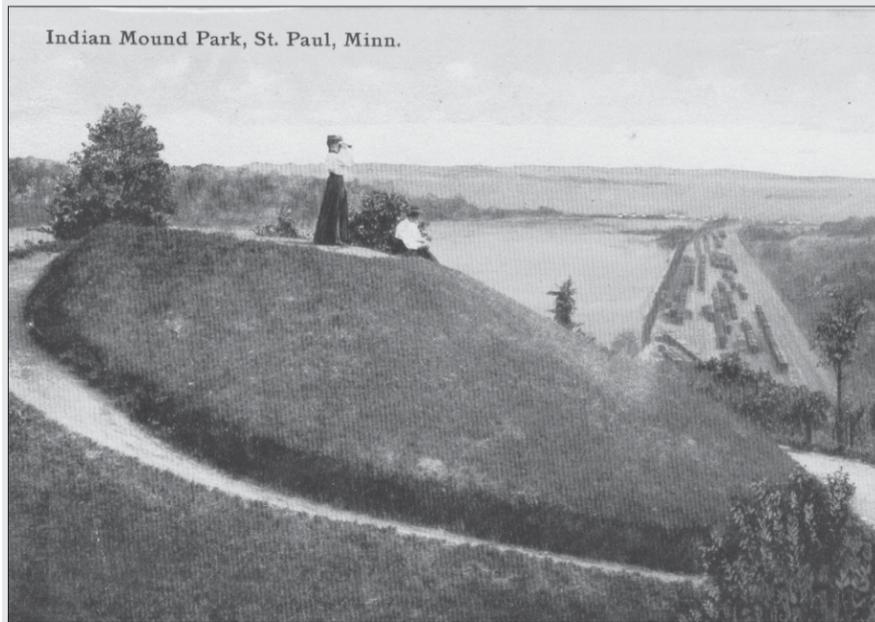
8. Support the school system! Call your local school and find out what kind of programs they have created to make the school a safe place for children and offer assistance.

9. Volunteer to help! Call Karin DuPaul at (651) 772-2075 to find out what volunteer opportunities there are in the area with special events or functions.

10. Spread the word! Get out of your house as much as possible while it is still nice outside and talk to people passing by. Show them that you care about where you live and showcase the great things about your block!

Do not wait for someone on your block to approach you about doing something. Get out and talk to your neighbors and get involved in making East St. Paul an even better place to live. If enough people stand together to protect their houses and families against crime and drugs, East St. Paul's reputation will improve and you will be even more proud of where you live.

Remember.....change starts with YOU! ■



1900's postcard of Mounds Park river view courtesy of Historical Society.

## BEYOND THE BLUFF

[St. Paul's Most Unique Settlement: Quaint Irish Families at the Foot of Dayton's Bluff.]

*If you are... inclined for a long walk, let your outing take you down Fifth street below Robert, then down around the big railroad offices and out over a bridge until you reach a little settlement that lies at the foot of Dayton's Bluff... It was one day last week that-one of those balmy spring days that made everybody glad just to be alive-that the writer had occasion to take such a walk....*

*Everything drew the eyes upward and if it had not been for the happy shouts of some children, he would never have seen the settlement. It was just a collection of tiny huts that lay in evident discouragement at the foot of some sheer bluffs.... The soft spring mud was spread like a treacherous carpet... at all sides of the huts.*

*Evidently, whoever had placed the huts had been governed by no uncomfortable sense of mathematical precision in the matter of street or boulevard line... a happy recklessness had led each builder to follow his own fancy with the result that front doors faced rear doors in blissful confusion with just a foot or so of space between....*

*There were the little children. A group of them had joined hands and in the midst of the mud and the refuse were playing "ring around a rosy" as contentedly and as happy as their little sisters up on the aristocratic avenue. They were pretty children too, in spite of unkempt hair, dirty faces and tattered garments...*

*The day was pleasant, so nearly all the doors were opened. In one of these opened doorways sat an old man, smoking a pipe... unlike the children, he did not run away when he was spoken to... He removed his pipe from his mouth and nodded civilly in response to*

*the "Good morning" that was given him.*

*Beyond his bent shoulders a glimpse could be seen of the single room that comprised the house. A bed, a cooking stove, chairs, a table, and a number of live chickens and a lordly rooster occupied the room....*

*The writer... asked if the neighborhood was entirely Irish and was in turn he was rewarded with its history, for it has a history and an interesting one, too. The old man first explained, however, with a brogue so rich that at times it was difficult to catch his meaning at all...*

*According to the old man, the writer had stumbled on the Connamara settlement or "patch" as he called it. Early in the '80's there had come over from Ireland a little band of Irish peasants from the mountain districts. They came direct to Minnesota, part of them settling in Graceville and part in St. Paul at the foot of the bluffs they had the usual illusions about the abundance of dollars that could be had almost for the asking....*

*In one little hut live twin sisters, one of whom makes the exquisite Irish point lace that is the delight of the fashionable world... she explained that she just picked it up; that she had made lace of that sort ever since she was a little girl. Yet she confessed that she could not read, and that she had never attended school for one day in her life... She said that she and her sister supported themselves by washing and scrubbing when they could get employment.*

*The evident pride of the settlement is a haunted house... The haunted house... stands a little apart at the head of the settlement, and is guiltless of windows... the old man that strange voices were heard there at night and that no one in the settlement cared to go near it after night.*

From the *St. Paul Globe* March 16, 1902 ■

## McCollum Brings Home Funds for Vento

The recently passed federal transportation bill includes funding for a range of important Saint Paul projects – including \$1.2 million for a critical bicycle and pedestrian trail connection between the new Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and the Mississippi River corridor.

According to Carol Carey, an East Side resident and member of the Lower Phalen Creek Project Steering Committee, achieving this connection is a long-held goal for the community. "The East Side is so close to the Mississippi River, but we have been separated from it by an impassable tangle of roads and rail lines," she said. "The creation of the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary brought the East Side closer to the river, but Warner Road and busy rail lines still form a barrier."

Once the Bruce Vento Regional Trail is connected to the Sam Morgan Trail along the Mississippi River, East Side residents and visitors from across the region will be able to access a broad network of trails for recreation as well

as commuting.

"This funding for the Vento Trail is fantastic news for residents of St. Paul and surrounding communities. This is the missing link that will join 134 miles of trails in four different directions, allowing more people to more easily connect with the Mississippi River and the green spaces along our regional trail network," said Congresswoman Betty McCollum.

Congresswoman McCollum provided important leadership in achieving funds for the link, with key support from Jim Oberstar, the Ranking Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The funding was specifically requested to include engineering and design for determining the best way to make this difficult connection without compromising views of and from the Mississippi River.

For more information on the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and associated trails, visit [www.phalencreek.org](http://www.phalencreek.org). ■

## 2005 Regular & Special Session Summary

### TAXES/CREDITS/AIDS

Health impact fee: 75-cent increase in the cigarette tax; doubling of the 35% excise tax on other tobacco products.

Corporate taxes: Stricter corporate compliance with Minnesota's tax laws; prevention of abusive tax shelters.

Local government aid: \$48 million increase in LGA to help hold down property taxes.

Renters credit and PCR program: No cuts. Current law retained.

Health savings accounts: Federal conformity for HSAs.

Liquor/car rental: Repealed scheduled reductions in rental car and liquor taxes.

### K-12 AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Total new revenue: \$800 million.

Formula funding: 4% increase for both 2006 and 2007.

Merit-pay: \$87.5 million to reward school districts that adopt merit-pay plans for teachers.

Early childhood education and development: \$11.85 million increase, including \$5.5 million for ECFE, and \$4 million for Head Start.

Labor Day start for schools: School districts can't begin an elementary or secondary school year before Labor Day starting in 2006.

Health insurance pool: The proposed statewide school employee health insurance pool was not adopted.

Bullying: Districts are required to adopt an anti-bullying policy.

Truancy: Courts are authorized to cancel a child's driver's license or instruction permit if it's in the best interest of the child or of public safety.

### HIGHER EDUCATION

Base funding: Increased funding over the last biennium by \$212 million, with each higher educational system receiving a substantial increase in base funding—University of Minnesota (9.6%); MnSCU (9.8%).

Enrollment adjustments: Met 65% of the enrollment adjustments for MnSCU and 100% for the University of Minnesota. This will help limit tuition increases.

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MinnesotaCare: The Governor's proposal to eliminate health coverage for over 27,000 working Minnesotans did not pass. The \$5,000 annual cap on benefits for adults without children is eliminated, as is the \$500 cap for dental services. That group will still have coverage for only a limited set of services, but there will no longer be annual caps on coverage. The limited set of benefits is expanded to cover psychologists and supplies for the treatment of diabetes. Premiums for enrollees will increase 8%.

Prescription drug co-payments: The monthly limit on prescription drug co-payments that can be charged to persons enrolled in state health care programs is reduced from \$20 to \$12.

Lien law: Eliminated the retroactivity of the health care lien law for life estates and joint tenancies created before August 1, 2003.

Parental fees: \$2.6 million was appropriated

to help lower the fees paid by parents of disabled children who receive state assistance (TEFRA).

Nursing homes/COLA: Approximately 2.25% funding increase in 2006 and 2007 for nursing homes, home and community based long-term care providers, and certain other providers.

Hospitals: MA and MinnesotaCare payments to hospitals are reduced, which is partially offset by \$22 million in additional federal funding. The net reduction in state funding to hospitals is \$36.1 million.

Small employer benefit plans: Health insurers are authorized to sell to small employers a more flexible benefit package than is currently permitted by state law.

MFIP: No increase in the \$50 MFIP public housing penalty.

Homelessness: \$10 million for homelessness prevention.

Child care: Rates paid to child care providers by child care assistance programs are reduced by \$61.5 million. The cut is achieved by limiting rate increases to 1.75% per year.

Maple Grove hospital: No exception granted from the moratorium on the construction of new hospital beds.

### BONDING

Bipartisan bonding package: A bipartisan \$944 million bonding bill was passed to improve our state's infrastructure. It not only makes strategic investments in our public buildings and communities, but also stimulates the economy by creating thousands of good paying jobs. Included are badly needed facilities at the U of M, transit corridors that prepare us for the 21st century and environmental projects that keep our state healthy.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Sex offender sentences: The most dangerous sex offenders and other serious criminals will be put in prison for life without the possibility of release.

Supervision of sex offenders: More intensive supervision and monitoring of those sex offenders who are ultimately released back into society.

Meth: Addressed the methamphetamine problem by limiting access to meth precursor drugs, establishing tough prison sentences for those convicted of meth related offenses, providing funding for drug treatment, and providing more resources to law enforcement.

Victims and prevention: Provided additional funding for battered women's shelters, crime victims assistance programs, homelessness grants, youth intervention programs, and human trafficking studies.

Financial crimes: Funded the Financial Crimes Task Force and strengthened laws protecting Minnesotans from identity theft.

Prisons: Expansion of prison capacity.

### TRANSPORTATION

Motor vehicle sales tax dedication: Voters will be able to decide at the 2006 general election whether to amend the constitution to

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dedicate revenue from the motor vehicle sales tax 100 percent to transportation purposes (40% percent for public transit and 60 percent for highways). Currently only 53.75% of the tax goes to transportation purposes. The remaining 46.25% is deposited in the state's general fund.

Transit: \$46 million increase for metro and rural transit operations to prevent service cuts. Northstar: \$37.5 million.

Omnibus transportation funding bill: The Legislature passed an omnibus transportation funding bill, but the Governor vetoed it. No agreement was reached during the special session on a comprehensive transportation funding package. The vetoed bill provided \$7.7 billion of funding for our state's transportation system.

Auto insurance verification program: Suspended until June, 2006, and any licenses revoked under the old program are reinstated, charges are dismissed, and records cleared. DPS will have to report to the Legislature what changes will be made in the program to insure that drivers will receive the appropriate notice before their licenses are revoked unbeknownst to them.

### AGRICULTURE / ENVIRONMENT

Ethanol: The minimum content requirement for ethanol in fuels sold in Minnesota will be increased from 10% to 20% by August 30, 2013.

OHVs: The OHV damage account was extended to 2008. New civil fines and additional training requirements for young riders and past violators were adopted. Provisions were also passed to open trails in state forests north of Highway 2 and possibly the North Shore State Trail. The Ambassador proposal to give state grants to OHV groups to produce safety and conservation education programs was not approved.

Clean water legacy: A consensus on how to fund the Clean Water Legacy Act was not reached. In the House, the most recent proposal called for a clean water fee on property tax statements or a voter approved increase in the state's sales tax of one-eighth of a percent to pay for increased water testing, clean-up and protection efforts.

### MISCELLANEOUS

## Letter to the Editor

[gabrielgarbow@hotmail.com]

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to take a minute to compliment the writing in the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* and in particular that of Steve Trimble in his on-going series entitled, "A Short History of Dayton's Bluff." I look forward each month to a new installment of this fabulous record of St. Paul history.

Since I bought my World War One era home in Dayton's Bluff five years ago, I have been fascinated by the history here and Mr. Trimble's columns have been instrumental in my growing interest in the area and all the people who have lived their lives here throughout the years.

Thank you Steve for your impeccable research and wonderful photographs and tantalizing tidbits of Bluff memorabilia. I'm looking forward to Chapter 9, 10 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sommerville,  
an appreciative reader.

Send comments, compliments, suggestions, or complaints to **The District Forum**: 798 East 7th Street Saint Paul, MN 55106

## Tour the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary

Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Explore Saint Paul's newest park as National Park Service historian Dr. John O. Anfinson, towboat pilot Hokan Miller and Lower Phalen Creek Project steering committee member Dennis Thompson lead a walk through this 27-acre wilderness in the heart of the city. Officially opened to the public in May of 2005, the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary has undergone a dramatic transformation from a former contaminated rail yard into a beautiful natural area with spring-fed wetlands and forest habitat, unique caves, walking paths and a regional trail loop.

Situated at the foot of towering limestone and sandstone bluffs between Swede Hollow Park and the Lowertown district, the park offers a tremendous opportunity to learn about the area's fascinating ecology and cultural resources that include Carver's Cave/Wakan Tipi, a Dakota sacred site and landmark for early European explorers. The efforts of over 25 community and environmental groups working together have made the restoration of this area possible. Join us to experience the results of this collaboration.

This tour is free however pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Katie Galloway at Friends of the Mississippi River, 651/222-2193 x14 or kgallowa@fmr.org.

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**El Dayton's Bluff District Four Community Council es una organización de ciudadanos que anima la participación y el sentimiento de comunidad del vecindario de Dayton's Bluff.**

El Dayton's Bluff Community Council aboga por los derechos de la gente de la comunidad, da una vía de decir al gobierno los intereses de los ciudadanos e aconseja al gobierno de las cuestiones del vecindario. El Council educa al público, sin embargo él depende de que el público colabore activamente en la definición de lo que es importante a la comunidad. Las reuniones son abiertas al público para que él pueda expresar sus opiniones. Las reuniones tienen lugar los segundo y tercero lunes del mes a las 7 p.m.

El Dayton's Bluff District Four Community Council se compone de gente del vecindario, y todos ciudadanos adultos viviendo en District 4 tienen derecho de ser miembro. Después de las elecciones, un miembro sirve durante un periodo de dos años. **Las elecciones tendrán lugar en octubre 17, 2005.** Cualquier persona que desea servir la comunidad debe ponerse en contacto con la oficina del Council para informarse de las elecciones próximas.

El Dayton's Bluff Community Council se esfuerza por realizar adecuadas viviendas, una mejora de educación, jardines y parques públicos, un comercio mejor y más variado, y buenas oportunidades artísticas y de recreo para los vecinos.

El Dayton's Bluff Community Council está en 798 E. 7th St. Teléfono: (651) 772-2075. Internet: [www.daytonsbluff.org](http://www.daytonsbluff.org).



## Got Trash?

District 4 Greenspace Committee Members, Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School and Metropolitan State University collaborated to take on the "Trash Can Project".

Over the years, community members have noticed that the increase of foot traffic along business areas on the East Side has also led to an increase in trash being discarded on the ground.

Greenspace Committee members came up with the solution of having additional trashcans placed in heavier traffic areas and worked with Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary School third grade classes to integrate children's art into the project.

Budget Towing donated fifteen 20-gallon steel drums for the project and on Saturday, April 2, Greenspace Committee members and Metropolitan State staff removed rust and painted the cans with primer to prepare for children to paint.

As part of National Youth Service Day efforts, Dayton's Bluff Elementary third grade students painted designs and messages on the cans. The students also learned about community art, complimentary colors and designs.

University students and staff also participated in the painting activities.

The cans are being placed around the community in front of East Side businesses and organizations that have agreed to maintain them.

Funds for this project were provided through an Ecolab grant awarded to Metropolitan State's Center for Community-Based Learning and donations from Greenspace committee members. If you would like to learn more about the Greenspace Committee or future projects, contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075.

## Something New On Brunson Street

by M. Grover

When Sadie Benson (Director and Violin Teacher) found the white-pillared house on Brunson Street she saw great possibilities. The Brunson Street hill had been a gathering place for children in the past. The area knew laughter. She liked the feeling in the area.

The house was purchased, classrooms painted bright happy colors. A new baby grand piano arrived. Now it's time for something special. Mark Johnson, local artist, was contracted to create and paint whimsical animals. These animals found their homes on the walls. Busily practicing their music, they welcome students as they come and go. Add a professional and competent staff already working with students and you

get the picture.

What's new for fall? Sara Waters with her Story Time for Babies joins the Studio. Sara formerly packed the Red Balloon Book Store on Grand Ave. She brings with her violin, auto harp and puppets all working together to fill babies world.

Mark Johnson, local artist whose musical animals cover the walls will offer a class blending music with visual art. Wonder what those animals are playing? Could be the assignment.

Help spread the word — Simply Strings Studio was created as a place where learning Music will be fun. A place where Stop, Look and Listen will take new meaning. A place that will work to keep music in the air. Contact us at [www.SimplyStringsStudio.com](http://www.SimplyStringsStudio.com).



Guitar lessons at Simply Strings.

Photo by Toni Thomas.

'Summary' from page 8:

**Minimum wage:** Beginning August 1, 2005, the minimum wage will increase from \$5.15 an hour to \$6.15 an hour for large employers; and from \$4.90 an hour to \$5.25 an hour for small employers. The training wage (for employees under 20 years old during the first 90 consecutive days of employment), will increase from \$4.25 an hour to \$4.90 an hour.

**Cell phone privacy:** A customer's cell phone number can't be listed in a phone directory without the person's express authorization. A customer's phone number information also may not be sold to someone else without approval from the customer.

**Drivers under 18 years of age** who hold a provisional driver's license or instruction permit may not use a cell phone while driving.

**Identity theft:** Citizens will be promptly notified if there is a security breach in state agency databases. This notification gives people the tools necessary to take the steps to protect themselves from identity theft and a damaged credit rating.

**Military benefits:** Full tuition reimbursement for Minnesota National Guard members who pursue a post-secondary education. Increased funding for re-enlistment bonuses for Guard members.

**Support Our Troops:** "Support Our Troops" license plates established. Applicants will pay \$40 for the plates, with \$30 of that going to support grants for veterans and their families.

**Child support reform:** The new law adopts an "income shares" approach, which unlike current law considers the incomes of both the custodial and the noncustodial parents (rather than just the noncustodial parent) when determining a child support obligation.

**Positive alternatives:** grant program established to fund programs that provide information, referrals and services to women that encourage and assist them in carrying their pregnancies to term and caring for their babies after birth.

**Unborn Child Pain Prevention:** Prior to performing an abortion after the 20th week of gestation, a physician is required to inform a woman if an anesthetic would help to alleviate pain to the unborn child. Physicians must provide anesthesia if the woman requests it.

**Conceal carry:** Re-enactment of the conceal carry law that was struck down by the courts

in 2003.

**Binge drinking:** To combat the so-called "power hour" for consuming alcoholic beverages a person does not reach age 21 until 8 am on the day of the person's 21st birthday.

**Gambling:** No Racino. "Texas hold'em" legalized under certain circumstances.

**Same-sex marriage:** Current law continues to ban same-sex marriages. No proposed constitutional amendment was submitted to voters.

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