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Dayton’s Bluff is picturesque - Read all about it

Almost a century ago, neighborhood leaders got together and produced a booklet titled Picturesque Dayton’s Bluff. In it they extolled the splendor of our neighborhood, the virtues of its people, and its general quality of life. The cover from one of the few remaining copies of this unique document is shown above. Steve Trimble’s article on page 4 tells us what life was like around here in 1909.

NNO helps you know your neighbors and stop crime

By erin sobaski

Food, fun and neighbors—sounds like a summer get-together. And on National Night Out (NNO), that means a lot of neighborhood get-togethers! The 25th Annual National Night Out event takes place this year on Tuesday, August 5.

National Night Out is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It brings together involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic group, business, neighborhood organizations and local officials. NNO is designed to:

* Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
* Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
* Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
* Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Dayton’s Bluff area has been participating in NNO since 1983. On average, we have around 10 to 15 block parties going on in the community. Some are large, with tents and grills fired up. Others are just a few people gathered with chips and soda. But all are important.

Recently on the “Today” show, an anthropologist stated one of the reasons for the increase in crime and apathy of residents, is the loss of community. When neighbors don’t know each other and there is no sense of community, they have no concern for others. NNO is a chance to get to know your neighbors and build that sense of community. This will help drive crime and drugs out of the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood. And in addition, it’s a fun, family-friendly event!

It’s not too late to plan your own block party. For more information, contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772-7870.

Invest Saint Paul wants your opinion

Over the next few months Dayton’s Bluff Community Council volunteers and staff will be going door to door in the Lower Bluff, the area between East 6th Street, Mounds Blvd., Hudson Road and Maple Street to ask residents to fill out surveys that will help them determine what improvements the residents would like to see in their neighborhood. When residents complete the survey their names will be entered in a drawing for prizes. If you would rather come to the Community Council office or a community meeting to fill out the survey, contact Karin at Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or 651-772-2075 to schedule a time.

Invest Saint Paul is an intensive examination of several small areas in several Saint Paul neighborhoods, including Dayton’s Bluff. The idea is to get a close look at what the residents identify as things that should be improved. Then, working with the residents and various agencies, a list of things that need to be dealt with and worked on over the next several years will be developed.
Special Dayton’s Bluff Community Meeting

The next Dayton’s Bluff Community Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at Saint John’s Lutheran Church at 771 Margaret just west of East 7th Street on Margaret. Parking is available behind church. The meeting will be held in the lower level meeting area next to the parking area behind the church.

Mayor Coleman, City Council President Lantry, Commander Martinez, Senator Mousa, and State Representative Johnson will be on hand to discuss neighborhood issues. At a past community meeting participants requested that public officials come and help find solutions for difficult issues and concerns in the neighborhood. This is an opportunity to look at new ways to work on on-going problem.

Generally the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council holds its community meetings on the first Thursday of each month, but because of the 4th of July weekend the special July Community Meeting will be on July 15th. The purpose of the meetings is to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other neighborhood issues, concerns, and new ideas for the improvement of Dayton’s Bluff.

Email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org your specific issues or concerns, or your great idea prior to the meeting so that background work can be done before the meeting. All Dayton’s Bluff residents are welcome to attend. If you are planning to attend please email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or contact Karin at 651-772-2075.

Meet with the police

On Friday, July 18 the Eastern District Police will host their monthly meeting for community members. The meeting is intended as a time to listen to and address people’s concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

The community meetings are held at the Eastern District police office at 722 Payne on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Take a Hike

Dayton’s Bluff Take a Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike is Saturday, July 5th. We meet at 10:30 a.m. in Indian Mounds Park at Earl St. and Mounds Blvd. We’ll hike from Mounds Park to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and then walk along the Bruce Vento Recreational Trail through Swede Hollow Park to the new East Side Heritage Park. Along the way we will share stories and learn some local history of the area. The hike is about four miles long with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available to return to Mounds Park, or you may hike back.

Join us and explore some of our parks and the regional trail. For more information contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

It’s party time in Dayton’s Bluff

Top: The Dayton’s Bluff Progressive Dinner was a great success with over 50 people attending. Three homes hosted around 16 people at each home for appetizers. Then three other homes hosted desserts. The evening was rounded out with everyone going to one home for beverages and good conversation. Above: Amy Hanford (left) visiting with host Marge Bleakmore. Photos by Karin DuPaul

Microentrepreneur Class in Sept.

The next Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in September. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts 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 one time with the instructor. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken this course include graphics, landscaping, 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 651-772-2075 or email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org for an application.

Block club meetings

*Wilson Avenue Block Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, at Earl and Euclid, at 6:30 p.m.
*Beech/Margaret Block Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, at Margaret and Forest, at 7:00 p.m.
*Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Rec Center, at Margaret and Frank, at 6:30 p.m.
If you wish to have your block club listed, or need information about starting your own block club, please contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

Get rid of junk cars

Budget Towing of Minnesota, Minnesota’s largest towing company, is owned by Roy Carlson, an active Dayton’s Bluff Community Council board member. Budget Towing will remove any junk car or truck—located anywhere in Saint Paul—and dispose of it at no charge to the vehicle owner or the property owner where it is located. The vehicle owner will receive paperwork for a tax donation, and Roy will also make a small donation to the Community Council for each car he tows.

Just call Karin at 651-772-2075 to find out how you can get a junk car out of the way—and help clean up Dayton’s Bluff.

Dayton’s Bluff Recycling

Every Tuesday. Have your recycling on the curb by 7 a.m. Call 651-772-2075 for a bin.
### Rocky Horror Picture Show continues at the Mounds Theatre

“Rocky Horror Picture Show” continues its run at the Mounds Theatre this summer. The original 1975 motion picture accompanied by live performances and audience participation.

The scheduled dates are the first, third and fifth Saturdays of the month from June through September. Upcoming dates are July 5 & 19, August 2, 6 & 20. All shows begin at 11:00 p.m. Ticket price is $7.00.

**Eligible Improvements:**
- A room addition or a new garage
- Roof replacement, a new paint job, or siding
- Septic system repairs or plumbing
- Accessibility improvements such as bathroom accessibility remodeling or installing a ramp
- Insulating or painting and remodeling projects

**Terms and Eligibility:**
You can take up to 20 years to repay the loan.

### Home Improvement Deferred Payment Loans

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**Household Income Limits:**
- Jul 2008: $105,000
- Jul 2009: $185,000

**Maximum Loan Amount:**
- Jul 2008: $35,000
- Jul 2009: $35,000

**Eligible Improvements:**
- Basic and necessary improvements that directly affect the safety, habitability, energy efficiency, and accessibility of your home. Correction of lead-based paint hazards is required.

**Friends of Swede Hollow welcomes new members**

Swede Hollow Park’s Historic Forest is a new initiative that Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) is working on. The initiative will remove invasive trees and plant native trees over the next ten years. Swede Hollow will become a beautiful one of a kind park. Even today Swede Hollow is a very nice natural area right in the heart of Saint Paul, but the Historic Forest will make it outstanding.

“Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery” is one of the events FOSH hosts each year. After the sun sets the evening picnic and socializing begins. Former Hamm’s employees share stories about the brewery and working at the brewery. And former Swede Hollow residents entertain everyone with Italian music and memories of living in the Hollow.

FOSH also has oral history sessions, as well as a love of the rich history of Swede Hollow. Some of the members have been involved in Swede Hollow since the early 1970s when Swede Hollow Park was in the early stages of development.

FOSH welcomes new members. If you are interested in learning more about it or have any questions call 651-776-0550 or email KarinDuPaul@comcast.net

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### Dayton’s Bluff youth in Circus Juventas show

A Dayton’s Bluff youth is participating in Circus Juventas’ spectacular 2008 summer show, a ghost story set in the Louisiana bayou. Mariana Thompson, age 9, of Cherry Street, will appear in Ravensmanor this summer. This is her first year with the Circus and she will enter the 5th grade at Yinghua Academy in the fall.

Tickets for the show, which runs from July 31-August 17, go on sale July 7. They will be available through Up-town Tix - online at www.uptowntix.com, 651-209-6799 in the Twin Cities or by calling Circus Juventas, 651-699-8229. This is the company’s 14th summer production and the eighth to be performed in its award-winning, air-conditioned Big Top at 1270 Montreal Ave. in St. Paul.

Among the many Twin Cities notables who will be contributing their talents to Ravensmanor are world-renowned Fiddler/Mandolinist Peter Ostroushko and acclaimed professional regional theater and film actor, Ansa Aykea.

New to this year’s production is the gravity-defying Wall Trampoline. “In the history of Circus Juventas summer smash productions, this will be the most ambitious yet,” said Dan Butler, Co-founder and Executive Director. “In addition to creating originally-scripted, scored and choreographed production, we are introducing the Wall Trampoline, which gives our students another dimension for expressing themselves in the story. The audience will not believe their eyes.”

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### Don’t Lose Your Home to Foreclosure

Contact us today for FREE counseling to help you learn about the steps necessary to keep your home.
By Steve Trumble

If you were asked to provide an adjective to describe our neighborhood, what would it be? “Historic,” “diverse,” “changing,” “struggling”? Do you think the rest of the city “looks up” to us, as the Community Council often puts it? What sort of image do you think we should present to outsiders?

Almost a century ago, one group of residents rose to the challenge of defining the neighborhood and produced a booklet entitled *Picturesque Dayton’s Bluff*. Published in 1909, it obviously hoped to provide a positive view of the area, to feature the importance of a variety of business leaders and to lure new residents and companies to the community.

As was explained in its introduction, this thirty-six page piece was produced by the Dayton’s Bluff Commercial Club, which had been organized four years earlier. They were not hesitant in taking credit for the book and the recent progress of the neighborhood. "The...strides in material progress made by this section of the city," they said, "are largely due to its Commercial Club.”

They continued: "The leading men in this section interested themselves in its affairs, and immediately the organization took high rank in public estimation. Plans for aggressive work were inaugurated immediately, and the projects put forward quickly emphasized the fact that a new element of progress had been planted in the community. Thus the Dayton’s Bluff Commercial Club quickly became the recognized mouth-piece for the most substantial interests in the community, voicing to the State Legislature, the Mayor and City Council, and the transportation Company of St. Paul, the united declarations of the section’s business interests.”

Around the turn of the last century there were several commercial clubs, as they were called in different sections of the city—Downtown, the West Side, the North End. Even the relatively new Humboldt Park area had one. They were initially comprised of the leading business people who used the headquarters as a place to meet, play cards and billiards and engage in wide-ranging discussions. They served as sites for relaxation with a good cigar, dances, parties, weddings, and as fund-raising locations. Members were also interested in civic involvement and attempted to bring positive changes to their areas. The Dayton’s Bluff home even had a small bowling alley.

*Picturesque Dayton’s Bluff* was part of the publicity efforts of the local Commercial Club. It was filled with photos, facts and quite a bit of puffery. It started with a long introduction of the beauty of the Bluff’s neighborhood and it’s potential for residential and commercial development. The beauty of the neighborhood then, as now, was seen as an asset. “One of the most attractive features of this district is its beauty spots, and in no other section of the city will be found such great natural advantages for improvement and parking as in this section,” the booklet stated. “The Indian Mounds, now the magnificient park overlooking the Mississippi River, today is one of the historic scenic features which visitors to St. Paul are directed to see.” It was “connected by a circuitous road winding down the hillside to the State Fish Hatchery—one of the city’s and state’s parks.”

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In addition to residential areas, the book-let featured the bustling and busy commerce in the neighborhood. “One of the business streets, East Seventh Street, has a larger number of firms than any other, but Maria Avenue, Third Street, Conway Street, Bates Avenue, Hastings Avenue [now Hudson Road] and Earl Street all have stores that furnish practically everything that is needed by the people of this section. In the stores, various lines are carried, and the very best that there is in the market... In all there are about 2000 retail merchants in the section... these are all flourishing, and the field offers every opportunity to newcomers.”

And what they called “building progress” was still evident. They proudly ticked off a list of the things that had been built in the year-and-a-half before the booklet was published. Some of these included the new clubhouse of the Commercial Club and Old Fellows Hall, Gribbin Lumber Company’s new building as well as those of Olson’s Department Store, T. F. Cullen’s warehouse and the City Rapid Transit Company and over 350 new homes.

Even the community still had needs they hoped could be filled. “First and most important at the present time would be the location of a bank in this section. This has been agitated and talked of for some time... There is no question but an institution of this character would succeed.” They were to have two banks within a few years—today many people over 4,000 “picturesque” continued on page 5

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Both Keller and Bremer would, in later years, become much more prominent. Herbert Keller became St. Paul Mayor and a US Representative. Bremer’s son continued his service, especially in the area of parks, Keller Lake and Golf Course were named after this neighborhood product.

Bremer became very prominent in bank- ing circles and amassed quite an estate. Since he and his wife never had children, they left it all to the Bremer Foundation in 1938. The Bremer Banks still exist as non-profit, community-oriented entities. Wouldn’t it be great news to find out there might some day be a Bremer Bank in the neighborhood where their founder once lived? We could surely use one.

Businesses owned by Club members were featured on several pages. W. A. Schurte, a charter member, ran the Darnell Jewelry Company. It was “where they have a modern boarding and livery stable where all kinds of up-to-date livery can be had and all kinds of services. They bought and sold horses and the business had a phone so it could “supply livery rigs at all hours of the day or night.” There were other needs. “Everyone in this section is interested in the location of more manufacturing industries...”

There were already fourteen such plants “giving permanent employment to about 4,000 people” at good salaries... naturally in line with new industries that would necessitate to erect new homes for the employe- es, this and again will make necessary more homes for owners and renting...

On one page, titled “Men in Public Life” featured short biographies of several community members along with their photos. There was William Buschmann, a Blacksmith who shoed horses and manufac- tured wagons and carriages. He had been at the corner of Seventh and Mendota for twenty-five years. He had lived “in a fine house for many more when he finally retired, Buschmann was one of the very last rem- maining blacksmiths in St. Paul.” At the time *Picturesque Dayton’s Bluff* was re- leased, Buschmann lived at 923 Beech and had been an alderman for three terms.

Walter Lemon, who lived at 755 East Fifth, was a member of the state legisla- ture and chairman of Republican City and County Committees. Otto Bremer of 738 East Fourth was the City Treasurer. At- torney Herbert Keller, another Republican heavy, who was born on Eichenwald Street, had been St. Paul’s prosecutor and was then elected to the City Council.

This postcard was dated February 11, 1910. It was addressed to N.K. Miller at 658 Plum St. with the following message printed on the back: “The next regular meeting of the Dayton’s Bluff Commercial Club will be held in Club House, Monday evening, February 14, 1910 at eight o’clock. Try and be present. Yours truly, William T. Harris, Secretary.”
“Picturesque”

non-contiguous disease. “It could accommodate seventy-five patients in private or ward beds. There was also a “s par” on each floor overlooking Indian Mound Park, while other reception parlors and spacious grounds, afford pleasant surroundings for convalescent care.”

What they called “The Nervous Department” was the sanitarium’s special feature, which was “equipped for the applica- tion of the medicinal drugs, including hydrotherapy, electro-therapy vibratory massage and Swedish movements.”

The Commercial Club’s booklet proudly published a set of 12 different scenes, including the Scene Overlook, the E. 7th St. Improvement Arches, the Stutzman Block and the Indian Mound Block.

A set of 12 is $10—a sale price for Dayton’s Bluff residents. Buy one to keep and one to send. Photography and printing of the postcards was don- ated by Dayton’s Bluff resident Steven Trimble. All proceeds support our local paper, the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum. Call 651-772-2075 for more information.

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City of St. Paul Curbew for Juveniles Age 15 or younger: Home by 10 p.m. Age 16 – 17: Home by 12 a.m. Midnight
St Paul Police Department
Juvenile Unit

The dramatic story of Kaposia

By Nick Duncan

"Je m’appelle Wenona. J’ai grandi a Dayton’s Bluff il a très longtemps. Kaposia est une pièce de théâtre sur ma vie là-bas. C’est très impor- tant de se souvenir des premiers habitants de cet endroit.”

As part of the Minnesota Sesqui- centennial celebration at Fort Snelling on the weekend of May 10-11 the Drama Club from L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion School performed the play “Kaposia”. An original dra- matic work of historical fiction, “Kaposia”, set in the year 1837 right here in St Paul, was written and di- reced by first-time playwright, Dayton’s Bluff resident, and proud L’Etoile du Nord parent Paul Morf and performed by the members of the L’Etoile du Nord drama club.

L’Etoile du Nord French Immersion School is a K thru 8 St Paul public school on Bush Avenue in Dayton’s Bluff. As the name implies, L’Etoile du Nord does all its instruction in French. The L’Etoile du Nord Drama Club includes some 30 students from the school. Each year for the last four years this extracurricular student/par- ent volunteer group has put on an origi- nal dramatic play.

"Every year we try to set the play in a different French speaking culture,” said Morf. “This year I thought it would be fun to set the play right here at Dayton’s Bluff. People do realize that until the 1850’s, with the exception of the Native Peoples, and the soldiers at Fort Snelling, Minnesota was largely French speaking.”

Indeed, until the 1830’s and 1840’s most non-Native American Minneso- tos were either soldiers or French- Canadian traders and trappers, such as the voyageur and backwoods charac- ter, the character Papin “Pigseye” who lived in the caves along the east bank of the Mississippi River in what is now present day St Paul.

“Kaposia” tells the story of a young Dakota girl named Wenona (played by 4th grade Espe Dalmen) who must decide whether to remain with the Kaposia tribe following their reloca- tion in 1837. Prior to that, the Kaposia tribe had maintained a summer en- campment along the Mississippi river just below Dayton’s Bluff for many generations. In 1837, the Dakota In- dians signed a treaty with the US gov- ernment, surrendering all of their an- cient lands to the east of the Mis- sissippi River. Within 25 years, the Kaposia and other Dakota tribes in Minnesota would be pushed even fur- ther west, ending their traditional way of life.

“Kaposia” incorporates a mix of actual historical figures such as mis- sionaries Samuel and Gideon Pond (played by Jane Coffman and Alexander Nelson) and Chief Wakinyantanka (played by Liam Simmer) and fiction- alized characters to tell its story. “We wanted to be sure all the members of the group had speaking parts,” said Morf. “I’m really happy that we could do that.”

After the Fort Snelling performance the cast presented L’Etoile du Nord principal Dr Fatima Lawson an award trophy as a token of appreciation for all her support. And Morf thanked everyone in the cast and the crew for all their hard work. “It’s all about a great experience for the children,” he told the crowd. “And thank you to everyone who made that happen.”

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We would like to thank Emily and Audrey Morf for being our French translators.
By Barbara Sommerville

"Minnesota has a fine climate to live in but it’s worthless for flying." Thus spoke Glenn Curtiss, after crashing his plane in two out of seven attempts to fly over the crowds at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds back in June of 1910. His comments, however, proved to be more a case of sour grapes than of actual fact. In the next years, Minnesota's rural air would produce many an intrepid flyer (not the least of whom was Charles W. "Speed" Holman) who'd cut their aerial "teeth" on any turf available, from farming fields to an abandoned auto speedway.

At the dawn of popular aviation, a Minnesotan boy named Charles W. "Speed" Holman, a contemporary of Lindbergh’s, would rack up nine first-place trophies for aerial stunts and speed records throughout the Midwest, and so endear himself to the hearts of his countrymen that a minor Twin Cities airfield would be posthumously named in honor of him by the time of his too early death at age 32.

The year was 1917, and the gawky high school dropout was a regular at the aforementioned speedway, now casually known as "Speedway Field". Since its demise as a auto racetrack, its lumpy infield provided a lively testing ground for the emerging daredevils the newspapers dubbed "barnstormers". The 19-year-old Charley, with the bushy black hair and perennial smile, had already earned the nickname "Jack-Speed" for his摩托cyle stunts. Now the name carried over to an aerial career that was quickly earning him a reputation.

Flying at fifty-miles per hour, and two hundred feet above the anxious crowds, Charley had incorporated a parachute jump, new at the time, into his Sunday show finale. However, what the young Charles was up to was a mystery to his father Judd, until one day, out of curiosity, Judd went to see for himself the death-defying antics of the famous "Jack-Speed". One can imagine his thoughts upon recognizing the gutsy jumper as his own son. In what must have seemed like the deal of the century, Judd, in exchange for the promise that Charley would quit leaping out of airplanes, bought "Speed" his very first one, a war-surplus Curtiss Jenny.

The Jenny was soon replaced with a racier bi-plane, the Thomas-Morse S4 Scout. By 1922, Holman and his friend and flying partner Al Blackstone had taken over the Larabee Brother's "Flying Circus" and were barnstorming through Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. "The first time Holman ever took a ship up, he knew more about flying than some men will ever know if they study all their lives," W. A. Kidder, founder of the Curtiss Northwest flying field, once said.

"He loved flying. He loved motors, and he loved airplanes. He was a "natural," said Kidder. "Just as you have natural prizefighters, you have natural aviators,"
**The Regime: Our View**

"Giving Voice to Our Teens"  

Summer is here and there’s plenty to do at the Rec Centers! For more information on any activity, please call the appropriate center.

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**Margaret**

**Summer Lunch Program**  
M-F, Jun 25-Aug 27, 12-1p  
Free lunch will be offered for youth 18 years and younger.

**Teen Club**  
Thurs., 6-8p  
This club empowers youth, ages 10-15, to speak out and make a difference in their communities through service learning projects.

**Summer Water Fun**  
Wed., Jun 25-Jul 16, 2-3p  
Join us for outside water fun. Dress to get wet!

**East Side Arts Council’s Artmobile**  
Jul 28-Aug 22, 1-3p  
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Add your voice. Attend a meeting.  
For more information, contact one of the locations below.

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Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center • 651-793-3885 | Margaret Rec Center • 651-298-5719 | Arlington Rec Center • 651-298-5701

**Dayton’s Bluff**

**Junior League Kick-Off Barbeque!**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 5:30-7:30p**  
Come support your neighborhood with fun and food!

**Summer Lunch Program**  
M-F, Jun 9-Aug 27, 12-1p  
Free lunch will be offered for youth 18 years and younger.

**Teen Club**  
M & W, 5-7p  
This club empowers youth, ages 10-15, to speak out and make a difference in their communities through service learning projects.

**Buckets of Fun**  
Thurs. Jul 10-Aug 14, 1:30-2:30p  
Bring your super-suckers! Buckets of water, water balloons and a hose will be waiting to cool you off.

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**“Speed”**

a perfect “knife-edge” across the field, with his wing tips perpendicular to the ground. Within minutes he was back at 2-500 feet and diving towards the earth. Every spectator was on tiptoe. At a hundred-fifty yards from the grandstand, he pressed the nose of the Laird forward and flipped upside down as his thundering plane flashed in the sunlight twenty feet off the ground. He repeated the stunt twice, but the second time, the safety belt in the inverted Laird broke loose, and though he fought mightily for the controls, “Speed” hit the ground at twenty feet off the ground. He repeated the stunt twice, but the second time, the safety belt in the inverted Laird broke loose, and though he fought mightily for the controls, “Speed” hit the ground at twenty feet off the ground.

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**What's happening at East Area Rec Centers?**

**East Side Youth Circulator Buses** are for youth ages 7-17 (no children under 7 without a parent or guardian). The bus is FREE as long as you register and show a circulating pass to ride. (Registration forms available at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center. The Circulator runs from June 16-Aug 22nd, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (no service on July 4th). For more information call 651-793-3885.

**East Side Youth Guides and East Area Summer Programs** are now available for pick up at Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center. These programs include many Free Activities and Field Trips for youth and families. Please stop by and pick them up! Up and Coming Field Trips in the East Area: You must register two weeks in advance of field trip date. For more information call Dayton’s Bluff at 651-793-3885.

**The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program**

The Nestlé Very Best in Youth Program, sponsored by Nestlé USA, honors young people who have excelled in school and who are making their community and the world a better place. The young people, selected from nominations from volunteers, parents, and teachers, will be featured in a special publication and honored in Los Angeles in July 2009. To be eligible, applicants must be legal residents of the United States or its territories and be between 13 and 18 years of age. Students will be judged based on the information provided on the entry form (i.e., strong academic record; special contribution to school, church, or community; demonstration of good citizenship or a personal obstacle the youth has overcome). Each winner will receive a trip with his/ her parent or legal guardian to Los Angeles for the Nestlé Very Best In Youth awards ceremony. The trip will include round-trip air travel, hotel accommodations for three nights, and $500 in spending money. In addition, Nestlé will donate $1,000 in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice.

Science is all around your child

By Mary Cogelow

Because most parents aren’t professional scientists, they may feel inadequate when they think about their role in supporting their young children in developing a broad and sound base of scientific knowledge. They forget that we are all surrounded by physical, natural and social science every moment of our lives. Every parent has enough scientific knowledge and vocabulary to take advantage of the sea of science that surrounds us to encourage children to observe, describe, compare, and remember.

Children invite their parents to engage with them in learning about science. They are natural explorers asking endless questions both with words and with their behavior, setting up their own experiments, and testing hypotheses over and over. “Will the spoon fall up if I drop it enough times?” “What will happen if I lick the cat?” (Maybe that one won’t happen too many times.) They are frequently more observant than adults and offer their parents a fresh look at the world and a chance for the adult to become even more scientifically aware.

Part of the parent’s role in helping the child gain scientific awareness lies in exposing her to activities which engage and inform her. Twin Cities parents are surrounded by opportunities which can enhance their children’s understanding and appreciation of science. The Science Museum of Minnesota, the Children’s Museum, the Mill City Museum, the Minnesota Zoo, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory are a few of the opportunities that come immediately to mind. The Como Zoo adds to its usual repertoire of plants and animals a giant cocoons structure with a set of interactive experiences designed to help kids learn about the natural world. Ask them to predict what they think will happen under different conditions. If it’s safe and manageable, help them set up experiments to see if they are right. Take questions seriously. You don’t have to know the answer. One of the most important things to help children learn about science is how to get more information by further observation, finding a book, or consulting an expert who has seen the same thing or may be working on the same kind of scientific concept and they help children be better at observing, comparing, and classifying.

Have conversations with children about the natural world. Ask them to predict what will happen if you put baby squirrels in a nest. Notice how many elm seeds there are this year. When you need to pull some tiny elm trees because they are growing in your tomatoe plants, show your child the roots and how the leaves on the seedling are miniature versions of adult elm leaves. Notice the caterpillars at the park. Bring one home with some of the foliage you found it on so you can watch its life cycle continue. Get a book from the library so you can find out what kind of moth or butterfly it will become if its life cycle continues. Through all of this exploration use the language of science which is so familiar to us that we no longer hear it as scientific. Hot, warm, cold, freezing, wet, dry, damp, dewy, rainy, windy, sunny, cloudy, big, little, dog, cat, cardinal, insect, animal, chrysalis, and milkweed are all words (obviously the list could go on and on) for some kind of scientific concept and they help children be better at observing, comparing, and classifying.

By Wally Waranka, President, Dayton’s Bluff Community Council:

Here is another response, below, to my request to hear more from the people of Dayton’s Bluff. What do you think of what is being said? Let me know your views. I can’t agree more with the letter posted in this last month’s Dayton’s Bluff Forum. I am an investor who found a love for the architecture and character of homes in Dayton’s Bluff. I am also a licensed real estate agent who works primarily with other investors. Owning or loving the historic area, I try to steer as many as I can to Dayton’s Bluff. However, I have found that not only does the City not care about Dayton’s Bluff; they are frequently on the lookout for any opportunity to discourage investment in this historical area. I own multiple homes in Dayton’s Bluff and all are meticulously maintained, but you would never know it based on all the “complaints” the City sends me. Monthly, I am threatened with criminal charges because a neighbor kid has tossed trash in my yard and it was on the ground for more than one day. I find it ironic that now Dayton’s Bluff is ranked as ‘vacant homes’ but the reason many of the homes are vacant in the first place is because of the strict rules set by the Heritage Preservation Council. In the eyes of the homeowner can repair his/her own home. These requirements (“Historically correct”) are extremely costly and make the homeowner in this economic climate low income and simply cannot afford to do the repairs as required. Therefore, their only option is to walk away. That said, I agree that if the home can be done historically correct it should be. The problem is that the HPC does not enforce its rules across the board. I can give you many examples of homes that have ignored the rules and the owners have not been held accountable. This despite my repeated complaints to both Amy Spong and Kathy Lantry.

The second problem is that St. Paul unfairly enforces the city codes. Several federal laws are pending regarding this practice. In any other area of town, these homes are not considered an issue. In Dayton’s Bluff not only is it a major issue, they threaten criminal charges if left undressed, not to mention that they “sweep” every neighborhood in Dayton’s Bluff on a monthly basis. There has NEVER been a “sweep” in many areas of town.

As a person who has invested thousands of dollars and even more hours in this neighborhood, I can tell you that I own multiple homes in the Heritage Preservation Council neighborhood. The majority of the homeowners are working to maintain their homes in the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood. This is a feeling that has been expressed by every investor I talk to. As a licensed real estate agent, I have never successfully steered an investor to Dayton’s Bluff despite the fact that I “put my money where my mouth is.” The city wants to profit, own/occupant and get away from rent- als. That I understand. What they don’t seem to get is that if an investor purchases a property and spends thousands of dol- lars rehabbing it they are not going to turn it over to someone that will just tear it up. That is not why they are in business. Most likely they will sell it to an owner/rent- al tenant who will pay increased taxes to the city based on the rehab. It is a win/win.

Add all of this to Mayor Coleman’s annual double-digit property tax increases and ask yourself, “Why would anyone want to invest in Dayton’s Bluff?” Write this not because I am disgruntled, quite the opposite. I love the area as well as the architecture and want to see the area revitalized. It frustrates me to no end that the City is doing everything it can to DISCOURAGE investors.

If conceptualized properly we can make a difference. Thank you.

James Richards

Do you have any thoughts or responses to what has been said here? Let me know, either by a letter to the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, c/o Wally Waranka, 798 E. 7th St., St. Paul, MN 55106 or to my e-mail: Wallysue1@earthlink.net

4th of July fireworks facts

By Pam McCrory, Saint Paul Police

As the 4th of July holiday is approaching, the Saint Paul Fire and Police Departments want the community to be aware of the laws that will be enforced before, during, and after the holiday.

Saint Paul Fire Department inspectors say, a basic rule to follow when asked or questioning whether certain fireworks are legal in the state of Minnesota is, “if it explodes or rockets into the air, it is illegal.”

Fireworks are to be sold by licensed sales locations only such as Target, Walmart, and K-Mart, or by special permit only. Again, these locations can only sell fireworks that do not explode or rocket into the air.

To legally sell fireworks from a vehicle or on the street, you must be 18 years old to purchase fireworks. It is illegal to purchase fireworks in Wisconsin and transport them into Minnesota.

For more information about the statutory law log onto fire.state.mn.us and go to the fireworks information link on the left hand side of the page.

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

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