Community Calendar

Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm  Community meeting

Monday, March 7, 21, 7:00 pm  Community council board of directors meetings

Wed. March 16, 6:30 pm

Friday, March 18, 9:30 am

Meet the police

For more information on these events: 651-772-2075 or karin@daytonsbluff.org

Take-a-Hike March 5

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be Saturday, March 5, at 10:30 am. Hikers meet at In- dian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard.

Board Members Needed

The Dayton’s Bluff Senior Block Nurse Program is a non-profit organization that coordinates in-home services for seniors residing in the Dayton’s Bluff community.

If you are interested in becoming a member of its board, please contact Ted Schmidt at 651-778-3801 or ted.schmidt@bhshealth.org.

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Strip Club restaurant to host gala fundraiser

The award-winning Strip Club restaurant is soon to host its second annual fundraiser for the Dayton’s Bluff community council. Last year’s event drew over 50 people to a five-course meal paired with wines and finished with dessert.

That turnout virtually filled the small club, and this year the goal is to serve 60 guests.

Organizer Stephanie Harr points out that the club is well-known for its locally-sourced food, and has been widely recognized as one of the best new restaurants in the Twin Cities.

The food is not all that impresses the Strip Club’s patrons. It also boasts an 1885 facade and an ornate iron circular staircase leading to the second floor seating loft.

The event will be held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 28. A portion of the $100 cost is tax-deductible. For more information, contact Stephanie at 651-357-6293 or Harr.Stephanie@gmail.com Make your reservation by calling the community council at 651-772-2075 or emailing karin@daytonsbluff.org.

Business Profile: Bluffside Daycare

Tabitha Benci DeRango runs Bluffside Daycare, located in Dayton’s Bluff and named for the area in which it was founded. The daycare has been in operation since June of 2004. Tabitha is an early childhood educator with a specialty in music and movement for the young child. When she was a new mother, Tabitha was inclined to be home with her own children, but she also wanted to keep teaching. Thus, Bluffside Daycare was born. The program is based on using creative arts in teaching. “I come up with intriguing themes and the children and I begin to design a room to help us learn through the intended theme. It is a very child-driven curriculum.”

Currently her daycare room houses an Arabian market, complete with scarfed market stall and traditional low Middle Eastern table surrounded by floor pillows. Her bookshelves display library books about camels, Scheherazade’s tales and snake charmers.

The children enrolled in Bluffside Daycare make trips to the local library which helps to feed their curious natures. They learn the importance of practical life skills such as gardening and cooking as they dig in the daycare’s vegetable and flower gardens and help Tabitha prepare snacks and meals. Also, on occasion, they pretend to travel to exciting destinations. Through research, mapping, and input from others, they learn about an area of their world. This past summer Tabitha and the children will be “travelling” in a hot air balloon through the United States. Tabitha is very enthusiastic about her work in childcare. Bluffside Daycare is part of an intentional community of children and parents who all care about each other.

She says: “We become one big daycare family. There is such intense responsibility with this job, but also intense joy.”

Tabitha is a founding member of the Dayton’s Bluff Area Business Association and is completing a degree in Community Organization and Development at Metropolitan State University.

East Side History: Dayton’s Bluff, Payne Avenue and Arcade Street in the 1940s and ‘50s

Historian Steve Trimble will talk about the East Side’s recent past in an upcoming forum based on his article in the Winter 2010 issue of Ramsey County History magazine.

Entitled “It Was Like Living in a Small Town; Three St. Paul Neighborhoods That Worked: Dayton’s Bluff, Payne Avenue, and Arcade Street in the 1940s and ‘50s,” the article looks at how these communities grew during and after World War II and how the expansion of major industries brought two decades of prosperity and change. Current and former residents of the East Side are invited to come and share their memories of the era; new residents will be interested in learning how the past has helped to shape the present. The event will be held at the Dayton’s Bluff community council office, 798 East 7th Street, at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 8. It is free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

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Wishes DO come true: 1 By Youth in your neighborhood

By Sage Holben

Have you been saying, “I’d like to paint the living room (or repair the fence/paint the garage), but don’t have the time or money?”

1 By Youth has designated Saturday, April 30, as a Day of Service in Dayton’s Bluff. Youth participants, grades 6-12, and recruited from youth groups and churches within 100 miles of Dayton’s Bluff, will come together to participate in buffing up the bluff.

Local 1 By Youth coordinator Jeff Piehl has met with community partners from Metropolitan State University, the Dayton’s Bluff community council, Dayton’s Bluff Block Nurse Program and other community groups to establish teams: Projects, Hospitality, Public Relations, Funding, and Event Management. If you are interested in being a part of one of these teams, contact the council office at 651-772-2075.

The real stars of this project will be the residents who sign up to engage the youth (with adult supervision provided and at no cost to the residents) to paint the interiors or exteriors of their homes; repair fencing and other minor home or garage repair, landscaping or gardening, clean-up of parks, vacant lots, or around buildings. Churches, rec centers and other buildings are also eligible to receive services of 1 By Youth. Any reasonable project will be considered. 1 By Youth will provide the materials and equipment needed for the job.

Outdoor projects make a visible impact on the community’s appearance; inside projects touch the hearts of those behind the doors. Get the suggested projects in early so that an assessment of materials and time needed can be made.

Interested residents can find a form on the council’s website, www.daytonsbluff.org, or pick one up at the council office at 798 East 7th Street.

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Microentrepreneur small business classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program is taking applications for the spring 2011 class. The program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The program has been hosting two such microentrepreneur classes each year since 1993. Classroom training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, how to create a successful business and how to prepare a business plan. 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 the 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 registration fee is an income-based, sliding scale. The next session will start in April. Class size is limited, so do not wait to apply. For an application, call Karin at 651-772-2075 or email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

Skidmore Park Community Garden plots

Skidmore Park Community Garden, located on 4th Street near Earl, now has plots available for Dayton's Bluff residents. Gardeners are expected to attend a garden orientation on Monday, April 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and agree to garden rules. All plots are $25 for the season. Questions can be directed to Kayla Brinkman at 651-280-9183 or KaylaBrinkman@gmail.com.

Applications are available at the Dayton's Bluff community council, 798 East 7th Street.
Create your own rain garden

Rain gardens are specially designed and planted to capture rainwater and snowmelt so they can seep naturally into the ground. On the East Side, neighborhood and environmental groups are working to encourage rain gardens as a way to “green” our communities and protect the water quality of the Mississippi River.

Do you want to help the environment and beautify your yard? Restoration Ecologist Shawn Tracy and other local experts will be hosting a workshop designed to provide advice tailored to your property and your interests. They will help you:

• design a rain garden that is right for your yard;
• choose plants that do well and look good in rain gardens;
• apply for funds to help with the cost of installation.

The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at 6:30 pm, at the community council office, 798 East 7th Street. Please RSVP by March 7 to Karin DuPaul at Karin@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075. The workshop is free but registration is required.
Earl and Hudson businesses
By Greg Cosimini
It may have been a long, cold and snowy winter but there was a lot of activity in the Earl-Hudson business district. Here are a few things you may have missed while hibernating.

Greg “Chip” Olson is the new owner of the Mounds Park Lounge at 1067 Hudson Road. He promises to keep the beer mugs frosty and the live music flowing on Friday and Saturday nights.

A half block to the west at 1045 Hudson Road, Paul’s Lounge has become the St. Paul Saloon under the new ownership of Nick Heidnerreich. The interior has been remodeled and pulltabs are now available. Nick hopes to build an outside patio next to the Saloon this summer.

East River Eats has opened next door to the St. Paul Saloon. Owner Max McKee provides a variety of sandwiches to Saloon patrons. Take-out orders can be placed with the bartender in the St. Paul Saloon and picked up at the bar when ready. East River Eats is open from 11 am to 11 pm daily.

Down the street at the Mounds Theatre, 1029 Hudson Road, “Knotareel Getaway Cruise” is back by popular demand. This musical dinner theatre production will run from March 5 through June 25 with a total of 28 performances. The Mounds was recently granted one of the new liquor licenses created by the city of St. Paul for performing venues. Visit www.moundstheatre.org for more details.

Around the corner at 396 Earl, Eastside Fashion is now open for business. It sells brand name clothing as well as shoes and jewelry. For more information call 651-493-3745 or email EastsideFashion@gmail.com.

Be sure to visit our local businesses now that spring has almost sprung.

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Near East Side Small Area Plan Task Force
set to convene March 29

In November 2010, the St. Paul Planning Commission passed a resolution initiating the Near East Side Small Area Task Force and planning process. The resolution states that the focus of the plan is on commercial-industrial redevelopment and the employment base, accompanied by an investigation into the status of housing within the study area and the transition between commercial development and surrounding residential uses.

The task force will be co-chaired by a planning commissioner and neighborhood representative, and include stakeholder representation from the Dayton’s Bluff community council, the Payne-Phalen District Five Planning Council, commercial property and business owners, local educational/service institutions and community development corporations.

Task force meeting dates are set for Tuesday evenings, March 29, April 19, May 17, June 14, September 20, October 19 and November 29.

These meetings will generally be held at the Dayton’s Bluff community council offices, located at 798 East 7th Street. For more information, please contact Luis Pereira, City of Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, at 651-266-6591 or luis.pereira@ci.stpaul.mn.us, or visit www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=3441 for process updates.

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Dayton’s Bluff Home Tour
This is the 15th year that the Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour is part of the Minneapolis, Saint Paul Home Tour. Dayton’s Bluff has many wonderful houses of all ages, sizes and shapes.

The tour takes place Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1. This year there are eight wonderful homes on the tour. Watch for the April issue which will have the list of homes on the tour.

For more information about the home tour or if you would like to help during the tour, email Karin @DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

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