National Night Out: Tuesday, August 7

by Karin DuPaul
Community Organizer
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

Celebrate community with your neighbors in Dayton’s Bluff on National Night Out:

Tuesday, August 7. Neighborhood groups and block clubs are planning a variety of activities for their NNO events. Some have a barbecue or a potluck, others may have a magic show, live bands, kids’ games, etc. This is the 25th Annual National Night Out, which is celebrated nationwide. Most celebrations start around 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring a dish or dessert to share, and join your neighbors. Another way to celebrate is to get all of your neighbors to turn on outside lights from dusk to dawn. For more information or to plan a National Night Out event in your neighborhood, call Karin at 651-770-6550.

The following is a list of some of the Dayton’s Bluff National Night Out celebrations:

- Reaney Avenue between Forest and Cypress Streets
- Bethlehem Lutheran/Beech-Margaret/654 Block Club at Margaret and Forest Streets
- Lower Dayton’s Bluff Block Club at Maria Avenue and Euclid Street
- Mounds Park Neighborhood at Earl and Mounds Boulevard
- Wilson Avenue Block Club between Forest and Cypress Streets
- Mounds Park United Methodist Church at Earl and Euclid Streets
- Swede Hollow Park at Greenbrier and Margaret Streets
- St. Paul Federal Credit Union at 1330 Conway Street
- Parkway Gardens at Hudson Road and Johnson Parkway (for residents, at 3:00 pm)
- Bates and 4th Street Block Club at Bates Avenue and 4th Street
- Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church at 674 Johnson Parkway
- Clarence Street between Burns and McLean Avenues

Play 7th Street Monopoly

Advance directly to GO for a fun-filled Night Out.

On Friday, August 17, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council presents A Night Out on East 7th Street. The event is fun way to feature our local businesses, involve residents in the growth of a vibrant Business District in our neighborhood, and bring the community together for a memorable celebration. Bring your family and friends to East 7th Street, from Metropolitan State University to the Beacon Bluff (3M) redevelopment site, where you will find business representatives out on the sidewalk ready to talk about the richness of products and services available in the neighborhood. There will be coupons and special deals offered for the evening, including lots of free stuff and extra fun for the kids. This is an event for all ages – so come on down to East 7th Street and walk the Make it Happen District.

Look for the volunteers in their bright green Make it Happen t-shirts. The green color represents the new growth and renewed energy that is alive in the Dayton’s Bluff business community. Volunteers will guide you to the clearly-marked “starting points” on each block, where you can get your 7th Street Monopoly boards that will guide you through the businesses on 7th Street. By playing the game and visiting all the businesses, you will earn “CHANCE” tickets that will be entered in the “COMMUNITY CHEST” prize drawings at the end of the evening. Each family will receive a free Make it Happen string backpack to hold the information and prizes collected along the route. Watch for the designated parking areas and stay safe by crossing the streets at the crosswalks. There will be a climbing wall and jump castle for the kids, plus free popcorn, water and ice cream. Don’t miss the police officers on horseback!

Remember: The more businesses you visit, the more giveaway items, special deals and chances to win prizes you will earn. Our Grand Prize is a Kindle Fire plus a gift card to purchase your first online books. Come out after work! Bring your family and friends and plan to eat out on 7th Street during this fun night out. You will gain a whole new awareness of businesses in our district and learn how you can “buy local,” including many everyday services and great food. It also provides an opportunity to meet your neighbors and those who work in our district.

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 17, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Call Tabitha at 651-332-9069 if you want your business to be represented, or if you are willing to volunteer at this community event.
Community meeting
The next Dayton’s Bluff community meeting is Thursday, August 2, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council office, 798 East 7th Street. The object is to work on community-building, as well as criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other concerns or good things in the Bluff. Please submit addresses of any problem properties to karin@daytons-bluff.org or 651-772-2075 before the meeting. All Dayton’s Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

Small business classes
The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program is taking applications for the fall 2012 class, which starts in September. The program helps start-up and young businesses; all East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center have been hosting two such classes each year since 1993. Classroom training lasts 10 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, how to create a successful business and how to prepare a business plan. In addition, each student will have eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on individual business concepts. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support.
The registration fee is based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so don’t wait to apply. For an application, email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call her at 651-772-2075.

Dayton’s Bluff garden tours
The walking tours are a great way to see lovely neighborhood gardens, get some new ideas for your garden, and meet other neighborhood gardeners. Please email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075 for more info.

Dayton’s Bluff Beat Phone
The Police Beat Phone, 651-341-7637, is available for residents’ calls. It is not answered on officers’ days off, when they are having special training, or on vacations. Call about ongoing neighborhood problems; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10:00 pm; police-related questions, etc. If you need police right away or see a crime in progress, call 911 or 651-291-1111.

Meet the police
The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meeting for community members at 722 Payne Avenue, at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are Wednesday, August 15, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, August 17, at 9:30 am. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Donate your junk car
Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junk and dispose of it at no charge to you. The vehicle owner receives a tax deduction, and the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council will receive a donation. Call 651-772-2075 or email june@daytonsbluff.org.

August 4 Mayor Coleman budget talk open to public
St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman will host a community conversation at Swede Hollow conference room at 725 7th Street E (two doors east of the Swede Hollow Café) on Saturday, August 4, from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. Mayor Coleman hopes to meet with residents to discuss the challenges St. Paul faces in the budget this year. This event is one of four talks about the 2013 budget that Coleman is hosting, and the only one on the East Side of St. Paul. City Council President Kathy Lantry and Director of Finance Toddy Hurley will also be in attendance. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Friends of Swede Hollow
Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. Please call to confirm the location. The next monthly meeting is on Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm at 622 Beaumont Street. For more information, email swede hollow@gmail.com or call 651-776-0550.

Dayton’s Bluff Arts and Cultures Committee updates
by Kelly Lundeen
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Arts and Cultures Committee
The Dayton’s Bluff Arts and Cultures Committee has been looking at culture through the lens of history by attending history-related events, including the play The Murdered Minstrel: The Joe Hill Story at the Historic Mounds Theatre in June – check back next month for a review – and the “U.S.- Dakota War of 1862” exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in July. In June, we held our meeting at La Cabalita Restaurant on East 7th Street. In July we met at Hmong Village on Johnson Parkway. We are currently collaborating with Sacred Heart Church around the policy change related to undocumented youth, and planning a speaking event on the different groups of people historically and presently residing in Dayton’s Bluff. Join us at our next meeting on Monday, August 20 at 6:00 pm at Carbon’s Pizzeria, 680 7th Street East (at 7th Street and Maria). If you are interested in learning more about the Arts and Cultures Committee, call the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at (651) 772-2075. Also, mark your calendars for September 9, and watch next month’s Forum for more information about the Sacred Heart Church Latin American Fiesta.
Urban C.R.O.S.S. continues to make an impact in third year

by Jan Plaff, MPUMC volunteer

Mounds Park United Methodist Church (MPUMC) held their 3rd annual Urban C.R.O.S.S. (Christians Reaching Out in Service to St. Paul) the week of June 10. Around 54 volunteers came to Dayton’s Bluff from places like Minneapolis, Rosemount, Waseca, South Dakota, and right here in St. Paul to help with projects in our community along with many other support staff. Volunteers slept at a local church, ate breakfast and supper and worshiped at MPUMC, showered at the East-side YMCA, then worked all day at the job sites. Other volunteers baked goodies, served meals, and delivered work supplies to the workers.

Projects included repair and rebuilding decks, repair roofs, building a fence, lots of painting of people’s homes and garages, mortar repair, yard cleanup, and plant along East 7th Street for “Make It Happen.” Approximately 1,044 hours were spent on projects themselves. Work recipients were very happy for the help. At the end of the week of work, volunteers, church members, and work recipients met for a banquet celebration and fellowship. Check out the photos, community sponsors, etc. by visiting www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html. Also check out the “How Others Can Help” web page for Urban Cross 2013.

Vacation Bible School at Mounds Park UM Church

1049 Euclid Street
Monday-Friday, August 13-17
Free dinner at 5:30 pm
Intergenerational program:
6:00-8:00 pm

Neighborhood Health Screening
Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Mounds Park United Methodist Church
1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl & Euclid)

Mounds Park United Methodist Church has been selected to host a Community Health Screening, staffed by Allina Health as part of the Neighborhood Health Connection. It is free & open to ages 10 to adult. There will be health counseling after having the opportunity to have a blood pressure check, Body Mass Index (BMI)/Waist Circumference, and either a fasting full-lipid profile & glucose or a non-fasting total cholesterol/HDL/glucose. It is a great opportunity for everyone in our neighborhood! We will also have applications available for folks who may want to apply for MNCare or Medical Assistance.

Mounds Park Church is hosting this at the same time as our Glorious Grocery Give-Away, which is held on the third Saturday of each month. Doors open at 9:30 am to our guests; groceries are given out between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon. All these opportunities are free and available to everyone. May you be blessed! Questions? Call the Mounds Park church office: 651-774-8736.

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

by Deanna Foster
Executive Director
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

The application for Neighborhood STAR funds to promote economic development in Dayton’s Bluff received the support of the Mayor and City Council, ensuring the implementation of numerous capital improvements in the East 7th Street Business District. This long-neglected business hub between Payne Avenue and Arcade Street on St. Paul’s East Side will receive an infusion of funding for improvements focused on current business retention and growth, as well as the attraction of new businesses to occupy vacant properties. Over the next three years, we expect to change the face of 7th Street by improving consumers’ experience walking and shopping in the district, creating a hub for community interaction and building a base for strengthening the economic future of Dayton’s Bluff.

This proposal faced a highly-competitive process for approval, with 53 applicants vying for a total of $3,795,300 in this STAR funding round. Bolstered by overwhelming local support from business and resident leaders, the Million Will Make it Happen on East 7th Street program was also a top priority for City Council President Kathy Lantry, who represents Ward 7 which includes Dayton’s Bluff. This $500,000 award for East 7th Street is especially significant, because the allocation of STAR funding, before this year, was disproportionately low for Ward 7 on St. Paul’s East Side.

The Make it Happen initiative of the Community Council is a major implementation partner for the newly adopted Near East Side Roadmap, a part of St. Paul’s Comprehensive Plan. The STAR funding represents one of many strategies to improve the residential and business environment in the neighborhood. This $500,000 combined loan and grant program provides monetary incentives to invest in building improvements that:

1) Support local business ownership of properties;
2) Enhance visual appeal of building facades;
3) Upgrade interiors to retain current businesses and attract new businesses;
4) Improve business signage for visibility and aesthetics;
5) Provide remediation, repair or replacement of highly-visible damage or blight;
6) Encourage shared parking, increased parking lot efficiency, and landscaping.

For further information on this program, call the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council
receives $500,000 for East 7th Street
ST. PAUL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 7th 2012

In the city of Saint Paul, National Night Out (NNO) has been an annual event on the first Tuesday of every August for the past 28 years. It is a citywide celebration that includes all segments of the community to “Give Drugs & Crime A Going Away Party!” This will continue to build stronger, healthier, neighborhoods with the quality of life that everyone desires and deserves. NNO also helps to build partnerships & trust between police & community. Although NNO is a one day/night of the year event, neighbors repeatedly report that the neighbors they meet that day help to build stronger neighborhoods throughout the year. The relationships enable them to stay connected to one another, and help to encourage dialogue between each other so if they see or hear activities, they inform each other.

Last year’s NNO involved community members, law enforcement agencies, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. In all there were over 15,000 communities nationwide and more than 37 million people participated in NNO 2011! In Saint Paul, we had close to 300 events and it was estimated more than 34,000 people participated!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS DESIGNED TO:

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

Neighborhoods choose what works for them as far as what and how they will hold their events. Along with the traditional block parties, many neighbors celebrate NNO with events and activities such as: cook outs, pot luck dinners, games, sidewalk chalk, and treasure hunts, parades and treasure hunts

Get involved and strengthen your neighborhood with an NNO event!
Contact Pam McCreary for more information at 651-266-5455.
Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup & FREE Stuff Area
Saturday, September 8, 2012
9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Ray Anderson & Sons
North of East 7th Street at Atlantic and Phalen Corridor
(933 Atlantic)
This cleanup is for Dayton’s Bluff residents only.

COSTS

Entrance: $7 per car, $10 per small truck or minivan, $25 per pickup truck and trailers. No dump trucks.
Extra Fee: $10 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat.
$10 child car seats each
Electronics: $10 to $25 depending on the item.

You may also bring: fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, bicycles, demolition debris, clean wood, concrete/bricks. All guidelines will be strictly adhered to and we reserve the right to turn away any person or vehicle. The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council reserves the right to refuse any item or close the site early if costs exceed budget.

WHAT TO BRING:
A sign of Dayton’s Bluff residence in the form of a driver’s license or utility bill is required to gain entry. Please bring your own materials. Assistance is not available at the cleanup site. Materials will be sorted at the site into different dumping bins to maximize recycling.

In order to simplify unloading for the volunteers, please NO LAWYER CHAIRS. Please bring your own materials to a move that sells them. All items and services stations that sell car batteries are required by law to accept up to five batteries per person for free.

NO PAINT, PAINT Thinner or other hazardous waste is allowed on the following materials:
- Paint
- Paint Thinner
- Tissue paper
- Radios
- DVD players
- TVs
- CD players
- Toys
- Batteries
- Rims
- Grime

WHAT NOT TO BRING:
Not all materials are accepted at the cleanup. For more information about how to recycle or dispose of these items, call 612-232-0075 or 651-772-2253. For the location of the Twin Cities recycling center nearest you, call 651-297-4390.

No food, live or dead animals, or hazardous waste in the form of paint, paint thinner, or other hazardous waste is allowed on the site. There are no exceptions to this rule. All materials must be disposed of according to Minnesota law.

Volunteers are Needed - Help neighbors clean up the neighborhood. All skill levels are needed. Work hours: four hours and get free entry for one head of material. A free lunch will be provided. Call 612-773-2875 if you would like to help.

Sponsors and Rules
The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of St. 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 costs are not covered. The cleanup will begin at 9:00 am and may end by 12:00 noon.

GOOD FREE STUFF AT THE CAMPUS:
Every item that you have downtown is part of your community. Good stuff like dishes, furniture, building materials, cabinets, lawnmowers, bikes, toys and other items in good condition will be set aside in the Resident Area for anyone to take home.

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council is committed to exploring text, space and the ferocious truckstop waitress, Morgana, in last year’s Orpheus, played to capacity crowds to Alcina’s Island to Egypt as well as a neighborhood tradition. The production’s crowns each hold a dimensional gold ribbon, to represent Childhood Cancer Awareness.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board, through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature and the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.
Check out the campaign for a Mass Party of Labor
by Marcus and Laura Mayo
Dayton’s Bluff residents

Our family has lived in Dayton’s Bluff for nearly six and a half years. We moved into the neighborhood because we were able to find a first home that was relatively affordable, with the knowledge that the crime rate was declining, and that, for the most part, housing prices were still on the rise. Of course, shortly after we moved in, things began changing very rapidly. Within a few years, due to conditions and circumstances completely out of our control, the value of our house, like many others in the neighborhood, had dropped tremendously. During the past few years we have watched hard-working neighbors struggle to keep their heads above water, like so many other people throughout the country. While our policymakers in Washington have assured the survival of banks, whose complete lack of accountability and use of complex mathematical formulas resulted in the expansion of the subprime housing market, little more than lip service has been offered to working Americans. This raises a question that many of us have been asking ourselves: Who in government represents the working/middle class? Of course, both parties claim to, but are we really fighting over the crumbs thrown down by the minority, or are we in essence fighting over the majority of rewards of our hard work? Perhaps the times have come for workers, middle-class Americans and labor unions to form their own party, a truly democratic party, one not corrupted by corporate influence and corporate donations. Instead of the majority of us fighting over the crumbs thrown down by the minority, we can gather together and represent ourselves to assure policies are made with us in mind, not despite us.

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What is the status quo? Just tired?
by Marcus and Laura Mayo

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This month I decided to write about a noted neighborhood figure born in August: Lyman Dayton, for whom our community is named. I’ve written about him before, but a few new facts have emerged.

Lyman Dayton was born on August 25, 1820, in Southington, Connecticut, the third son of 11 children. After a general education, he left for providence, Rhode Island, where he built a successful business as a wholesale dry goods merchant.

Dayton married Maria Bates, age 18, on January 2, 1831. Their only child, Lyman C., was born around 1834 and later became a lawyer. In 1849, “in consequence of ill-health, [Lyman, Sr.] retired from active labor” and headed for Minnesota.

The family arrived in the St. Paul on September 1, 1849, aboard the Franklin, No. 2 from St. Louis, Missouri. Unfortunately, the steamboat also delivered cholera to the city. One pioneer remembers that Maria did her best to tend to one of the victims, but he died.

Dayton commenced purchasing and selling real estate. He ended up owning much land in St. Paul and at the junction of the Crow River and the Mississippi, where a town still bears his name.

He became a prominent man of St. Paul. While Lyman had his positive side, the Minnesota Historical Collections tells of a boundary dispute with William Ames: “They were engaged in a heated controversy at the foot of Dayton’s Bluff.” Dayton “grew hot in the dispute, and Ames, feeling that the matter should be coolly discussed, picked him up and laid him in the trough of cold water, after which the matter was easily adjusted.”

Another recorded dispute centered on the 1850s construction of the Territorial Road. When a surveyor named Simpson arrived on June 12, 1855, to survey the route, Dayton drove him away, saying that no one except the landowner should make such a decision. The thoroughfare was eventually built and a short stretch remains as Point Douglas Road, running from Old St. Paul to 7th Street.

In 1849 Dayton was convicted of “failing to pay an employee on his farm” and was fined $100 and court costs. A few years later, he was found to have stolen a man’s pig and had to make amends.

The 1860 census provides a brief look at the Dayton household. Residents at the time were: Lyman Dayton, 49; Maria Dayton, 47; Lyman C. Dayton, 27; Charles St. Clair, 37, a clerk; Hannah Johnston 18, a servant; Betsy Johnston, 22, a servant, Balit Ketron, 35, a laborer; and Patrick McMa hon, 21, a laborer.

One of the only lengthy descriptions of Lyman was provided in 1860 by Albert Barnitz. He said that Dayton was “a man of distinguished presence and native vigor,” whose “impressive dignity was enhanced by a battered silk hat – an unusual evidence of gentility on the frontier – and the ponderous bow with profuse decorations, which dangled at his high gait.”

He took Barnitz to the top of the bluff “and discussed with prophetic fervor of the coming greatness of St. Paul…” offering a tract of 14 acres at a low price.

In September, 1865, after a long illness from chronic gastritis, Lyman Dayton died at his residence in St. Paul. A few years later, the author of Pea Pictures remembered Dayton as a man with “an unbounded faith in the coming of a new St. Paul.”

Dayton was buried on his land between East 5th and 6th Streets. There he rested until 1869, when his body was moved to an unmarked grave in Oak-lawn Cemetery after Gustav Munch bought the land.

In 1995, the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council raised money to purchase a headstone for the remains of our neighborhood namesake. Why not get a group of people together to commemorate Lyman Dayton’s 202nd birthday? I’ll show up...

Happy birthday, Lyman Dayton!
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

Make it Happen
E. 7th Street
NIGHT OUT

Friday, August 17, 5—8 pm
A Local Business Fair
Family Fun ~ Food ~ Prizes

The following organizations generously sponsored this event:
Dayton’s Bluff Area Business Association (DBABA)
Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services
East Side Area Business Association (ESABA)
Marpe Development, Older Home Specialists

Metro Liquor Warehouse
Metropolitan State University
North Lake Contracting
Pak Properties

Shop Dayton’s Bluff Businesses!
Alex Bajwa LLC, Attorney at Law
Andrew Notermann, Farmers Insurance
Animal Ark Thrift Store & Adoption Center
Assisted Healing Massage Therapy
Burger King Restaurant
Cantu Law Firm, P.A. - Se Habla Español
Colleen’s Flower Cellar
Community Design Center - Youth Gardening & Cooking
Cristy’s Bridal
Custom Office Products
Dayton’s Bluff District Forum Newspaper
El Guanaco Bakery and Café
Eureka Recycling
Health East Medical Transportation

Kelley Enterprises, Inc.
Mañana Restaurant
Metro Liquor Warehouse
Midwest Karate
North Lake Contracting
O’Reilly Auto Parts
Premier Wellness Chiropractic
Roger’s Printing Services
Size Matters Tailoring
Spangler & Stefano, Attorneys at Law
Swift Mart Groceries
Taqueria Los Paisanos Mexican Restaurant
Tramites and Mas Copy Center

*The businesses listed above are only a few of the many participating in the event.*