Budding entrepreneurs learn to grow

Graduation for the spring Dayton’s Bluff Microentrepreneur Business Class was held on September 5 at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 800 Conway, the site of the Annual Community Dinner, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Gateway Food Co-op, still in planning stages, receives grant to build cooperative economy

The Gateway Food Cooperative, whose mission it is to establish a sustainable, natural foods cooperative on the East Side of St. Paul, is pleased to announce that it was one of 10 food co-ops selected to receive funding through a competitive seed grant program sponsored by Food Co-op Initiative, a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping communities make their co-op vision into reality.

The funding will support Gateway’s community outreach and member-owner recruitment efforts. “Reaching out and building relationships is key to realizing our vision for a food co-op that is representative of the rich cultural diversity of our community on the East Side of St. Paul,” says Beth Butterfield, co-chair of the Gateway Food Co-op Steering Committee.

The Gateway Food Co-op hopes to provide healthy, local, ethically-produced food here on the East Side.

Phalen Ovenworks’ Craig and Adrienne Schulz are actively supporting the co-op effort, selling homemade artisan bread from their home at 1172 Ivy every Sunday from 4:00-6:00 pm. The Schulzes are also hosting a wood-fired pizza party – free to Gateway Co-op member-owners – on Saturday, October 6, from 5:00-8:00 pm. Need more information before committing to membership? Come to the pizza party – same-day registrations are welcome. Visit www.gatewayfood.org to become a member and learn more about the Gateway Food Co-op.

Community Council election – annual meeting – free dinner

by Karin DuPaul
Community Organizer
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council

The election for the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council board of directors will be held on Monday, October 22. Polls are open from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm at 798 East 7th Street. Then the voting moves to the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center at 800 Conway, the site of the Annual Community Dinner, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Dayton’s Bluff residents age 18 and over may vote. Voters may choose two representatives for the subdistrict where they reside, and one for an at-large seat. Write-in candidates are also permitted. The subdistrict map will be available at the voting area.

The board of directors has 18 members, of whom 16 are representatives of the four subdistricts and two are at-large positions. Subdistrict representatives must reside in the subdistrict, while at-large members may be either a resident of Dayton’s Bluff, an owner or operator of a Dayton’s Bluff business or organization, or a property owner in Dayton’s Bluff. Nine of the 18 members are elected each year for two-year terms.

Absentee ballots are available if requests are made at least 10 days prior to the election, in writing, and signed by the voter. Ballots will be mailed to the voter at least seven days before the election and must be received back in the council office by October 22.

The community council’s election, annual meeting, and the free community dinner will be at the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center starting at 5:30 pm. The state of the community address by City Council President Kathy Lantry will be followed by the election results.

Would you like to serve on the Community Council Board?

Elections for the board of directors of Dayton’s Bluff Community Council will be held on Monday, October 22, as described above.

Although it’s too late to file as a candidate, you can still run as a write-in candidate. You and your supporters can simply write in your name on the ballot.

A candidate forum with more information will be held before the election, or you may email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075 with questions.

Contribute to the Forum!

editor@daytonsbluff.org

The eagle has landed

Photo by Stan Wandersee

A bold eagle alights on a playground backstop in Mounds Park. Read more about Dayton’s Bluff’s resident eagle family on page 4.
Community meeting
The next Dayton’s Bluff community meeting is Thursday, October 4, 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@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075 before the meeting. All Dayton’s Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

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.

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, October 10 at 6:30 pm at 622 Beaumont Street. For more information, email swede hollow@ gmail.com or call 651-776-0550.

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 on Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, October 19, at 9:30 am. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Annual Dinner and Voting/Meeting Event
Dayton’s Bluff Community Council invites you to the Annual Dinner and Voting/Meeting Event at the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center on October 22 from 5:15-7:45 pm. We encourage write-in candidates! Please contact karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075 with questions.

Meet-a-Hike October 6
Meet-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be Saturday, October 6. Hikers meet at 10:30 am in Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, and walk to East Side Heritage Park. The hike is about two hours (four miles) with some moderately rough terrain. Share stories about recent and distant history of Dayton’s Bluff. Transportation to Indian Mounds Park is available, if required. All are welcome.

Donate your junk car
Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junker 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.

This October at the Historic Mounds Theatre

Real Haunted Tours
This Halloween, why settle for a fake haunted house? Coming again in October 2012: Real Haunted Tours – where the ghosts are real! An historic building from the 1920s, the Mounds Theatre is recognized as one of St. Paul’s most haunted locations by the many psychics and ghost hunters who have visited it. Three resident ghosts remain within its walls as well as the nameless shadows who roam the aisles and the visiting spirits who have been seen sitting in the auditorium to watch shows alongside the living audience members.

For one hour, you and up to 24 other people will walk through the theatre in near-darkness with two experienced paranormal investigators. In that hour, you will learn the history of the building and hear the stories of the resident spirits. They will also answer your questions and help you ghost-hunt yourself. The tour includes several pauses for evidence-gathering and invitations for activity, so don’t forget to bring your camera, voice recorder or video camera and attempt to catch your own evidence!

Tour dates and times:
October 5, 6, 12 – Hourly tours, 7:00 pm-12:00 midnight
October 19, 20, 26, 27 – Hourly tours, 7:00 pm-12:00 midnight
October 21 and 28 – Hourly tours, 6:00-10:00 pm

Make your reservations early as tours sell out fast. Tickets may be purchased on our website at www.moundstheatre.org.

Mysterious Minnesota book launch
Come to the Historic Mounds Theatre on Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 pm for the book launch of Mysterious Minnesota with author Adrian Lee. This event is free and open to the public.

There will be an author presentation, book signing, and giveaways to include books, tickets to a local haunted tour, and a gift certificate for Twin Cities Magic & Costume Shop.

In his new book, local historian Adrian Lee digs up the ghostly past of Minnesota’s most haunted landmarks. The state’s rich and oftentimes strange history comes to life in Mysterious Minnesota, which explores the spooky past of 13 local haunts, including St. Paul’s Historic Mounds Theatre, Minneapolis City Hall, The Soap Factory, The Wahasha Street Caves, and Fort Snelling. Lee and his team of paranormal investigators prove that while Minnesotans of long ago have passed, their presence is still very much alive.

Adrian Lee is a historian, teacher and lecturer. Originally from London, he studied history at London University and spent 14 years lecturing throughout the UK before settling in Minnesota as current vice president of the Sauk Centre Area Historical Society. Lee is founder of the International Paranormal Society, co-founder and lead writer for Ecto Magazine, a publication for paranormal investigators, and a former news correspondent for Darkness Radio. He lives in Sauk Centre, MN.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; www.moundstheatre.org.

Questions?
Call us at 651-793-3885
Stop by and check us out!

Upcoming events & opportunities

Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center

- High School open gym
  Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 pm

- Open Gym for age 13 and under
  Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45 pm

- Girls’ Group, ages 12-17, every Thursday, 6:00-7:00 pm

- Free Zumba class on Thursday nights
  from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center dance room

- Basketball Basic Skills for ages 6-14,
  every Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm

- FREE ARTS every Thursday evening
  from 6:00-7:00 pm, starting October 4.

- Rec Check FREE after-school program, Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm – limited space available

- Judo Class every Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm, $12 per month

- Cheer America every Monday, 6:00-7:00 pm, $6 per class

- Karate class every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 pm, $6 per class

- Parent & Tot time every Wednesday and Friday in the gym, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

- Messy Fingers Art for kids 5 & under
  every Friday, 10:00-11:00 am, $38 for 6-week session through October 26.

- We also have a studio in the process of opening in Oct. and a host of other activities for kids.

The Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center is located at 800 Conway Street.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 3:00-8:00 pm; Friday 3:00-6:00 pm.

Questions?
Call us at 651-793-3885
Stop by and check us out!
On Sunday, October 21, the 130th anniversary of the Holman Memorial Methodist Church will be observed at the Mounds Park United Methodist Church on the corner of Earl and Euclid Streets. The worship service begins at 10:30 am, followed by fellowship. Former members of the Holman congregation are cordially invited to attend.

In 1868, the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren denominations merged to form the United Methodist denomination. On Sunday, June 11, 1978, the Holman and the Mounds Park congregations voted to unite, and the union became effective on June 15, 1978. On Sunday, June 25, 1978 a special union service was held at the Mounds Park site, and because of the location, the name Mounds Park United Methodist was agreed upon. The movie is dinner at 5:30 (free-will donations) and movie at 6:00.

Maternity of Mary – St. Andrew School’s Harvest Fest

You’re invited! Maternity of Mary – St. Andrew School is having its annual Harvest Fest celebration.

Save the date for Friday, October 12, from 6:00-9:30 pm in Sirba Hall, Maternity of Mary Church, 1414 N. Dale Street.

More than 25 local restaurants and bars will be on hand to share their cuisine. This includes appetizers, entrées, desserts as well as beer and wine! Invite a neighbor, bring family and friends and come enjoy a night of food and fun! Proceeds from this event benefit our wonderful school.

Early Bird Special: Purchase your tickets on or before Wednesday, October 6 for $25 each, or two for $45. After October 6, tickets are $30 each, or two for $55. We welcome guests 21 years of age or older.

Only 350 tickets are available, so don’t miss out. Call our school office for more information: 651-489-1459, stop in to purchase your tickets at 592 Arlington Ave West in St. Paul, or go to our website at www.mmsaschool.org to find the order form. Join us for a fun night! Harvest Fest is still seeking restaurants to participate. If your establishment is interested, please call the school at 651-489-1459.

¡Bailamos!

Dancers perform at the Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival on September 9.

Renew old friendships, reminisce, and rejoice!

from a St. John Lutheran School release

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, in celebrating their 140th anniversary, will host an all-school/confirm- ands Alumni Reunion on Saturday, October 6, from 2:00-8:30 pm. The celebration event is free and will include a special service, remembrances from former St. John instructors, an open microphone for attendees to share their memories, and a chance to tour the school. Dinner, catered by the Little Oven, will be served at 5:30 pm and is $10 per plate. The evening will conclude with a concert by Proclamation, a Christian rock band that includes several St. John graduates.

Please RSVP to the school at 771 Margaret Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, 651-771-6406, or school@stjohnyev.net.

Bargains and pancakes at St. John’s

by Greg Costinini, Trustee, St. John’s Catholic Church

St. John’s Catholic Church has two fundraising events coming up. First, there is a “Bargains Galore” rummage sale at the end of September. Hours of the sale are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28, and from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday, September 29. Then on Sunday, October 7, the VFW will sponsor a pancake breakfast and silent auction. Both events will be held in the church hall in the basement of the church.

St. John’s Catholic Church is located at 977 East 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, 651-771-3690, stjohns@stjstp.org, or www.stjstp.org.

Join these advertisers: fill this space with your ad! Call 651-772-2075 or email editor@daytonsofl_CONNECTED.ORG today to reserve your ad space for our November issue.

The deadline is October 10.
Mounds Park eagles of 2012

The morning of July 30, the aerie was empty – they were gone. No one in the neighborhood saw them leave. What could have happened to them? The parents would bring food to the aerie and call, but no eaglets would show up. The adults would look to the sky in bewilderment, wondering where their young eaglets were.

In retrospect, Mounds Park production has been good to the eagle population. Do you know that their mortality rate is an estimated 25%? That’s the number of deaths from all causes. The loss of the nest site that you could only see the whites of the adults’ heads when they sat in the nest. On the fifth of March, there was only one adult roosting in the tree. Guess where the other adult was: laying eggs for the big hatch.

I figured hatching time would be about the second week of April. I watched as both parents took turns keeping the eggs warm and turning them. And, yes, in the second week of April, the food and activity began. But we couldn’t see the little fuzzballs until April, the food and activity began. But we couldn’t see the little fuzzballs until May. Many interested neighborhood residents and people from other parts of the city and neighboring towns came by the house asking, how many are there? But we don’t really know until they climb to the edge of the aerie to propel their feathers off the cliff. What a beautiful sight to see. Was it one from our Mounds Park aerie?

It has been another eventful year. As usual, it starts around January and February when nature steps in with the call to mate and lay eggs... and the story goes on. This is the third year our resident eagles have produced two young eaglets.

An adult eagle and its two eaglets call and wait for the other parent to bring dinner to their Mounds Park aerie. Notice the juvenile eagles are nearly the same size as their parent.

As a young adult, Angela moved away from Dayton’s Bluff. But then, she said, “a house came up for sale that reminded me of those I’d admired as a kid. It was the right size in the right location at the right time. Thus I became a Dayton’s Bluff homeowner.” Angela hopes to make a bright future for this community through her involvement in the community council. “The DBCC is where you can stay in the loop as to what’s currently going on in the neighborhood and what the upcoming issues that impact us are likely to be,” Angela said. “It’s also a place where you can help shape our future for the better.”

Angela would like to see more businesses move into the Bluff’s old commercial buildings and more individuals live in our charming old houses. “Stability in the housing side of things is key to everyone’s quality of life,” Angela said. “She would like “new life in our business and residential areas, our churches and our schools. The gaps on East 7th Street would be filled in with new commercial businesses and the existing buildings re-habilitated to create a corridor check-full of restaurants and stores. The houses would be loving homes, for by people with an emotional as well as a financial investment in the neighborhood’s prosperity.” Angela may have left for a while, but as a member of the DBCC and a Dayton’s Bluff homeowner, she has truly come home.
Other people's castoffs are this family's treasure

by Greg Cosimini
Forum board member

It’s always a big deal when a new business opens in Dayton’s Bluff. In this case, it’s literally a big deal because the name of the new antique and thrift store on Earl Street is... wait for it... It’s A Big Deal.

It’s A Big Deal Antique and Thrift Store opened in July at 367 Earl Street, near Hudson Road, across from Leo’s Chow Mein. The owners, John and Angela Leonard, have many years of experience in retail sales of all kinds. They’ve worked a variety of flea markets and finally decided to open a store of their own, aided by their sons Andrew and Tony.

John says the store is not only a family business, but also a benefit to the community. In these difficult financial times he hopes local residents and white tag items are 40% off. They also accept donations and are distributors of some new items. As to what exactly can be found in the store, the simple answer is just about everything, both new-and-used everything as well as every-day-and-collectible everything. A quick survey of the store reveals clothing, furniture, books, DVDs, CDs, tapes, household items, tools, glassware, electronics, clocks, and assorted doodads and whatnots. At my last visit I saw a collection of cigarette lighters, some bobbleheads, and a number of collectible glass items.

Prices are very reasonable. All clothing is $1 or less. Thrift store items are 50% off and various antique and white tag items are 40% off. It’s A Big Deal Antique and Thrift Store, at 367 Earl Street near Hudson Road, is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday, noon to 7:00 pm.

Community teams up to offer education about Deferred Action for immigrants

by Maryanne Quiroz

On Saturday, September 1, members of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council and the traditional Aztec dance group Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli joined forces with lawyers from Advocates for Human Rights and members of the community organization Ramalés y Bicicletas to present a workshop for Latino community members to learn more about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known by its acronym DACA. This is the program recently announced by President Obama which allows temporary deferral of deportation and provides work permits to certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children.

About 50 participants gathered at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on the East Side. Attendees learned about the requirements of DACA and the application process. Participants were also able to pre-qualify through an online checklist system. Participants who were farther along in the application process had an opportunity to ask questions and speak one-on-one with lawyers from Advocates for Human Rights. Document translation for birth certificates was also provided on-site. In addition to these services, each participant received a hard copy of the list of DACA qualification requirements, a list of documents required to apply, a list of immigration lawyers and organizations, and a copy of Form I-821 (the application for Deferred Action) and Form I-765 (the application for Employment Authorization).

The organizing group is currently planning another workshop to follow up with participants who have applied, who are close to applying and who have yet to apply for DACA.

“Our goal is to inform as many community members that would benefit from DACA and to provide these services and information at no-cost to all families,” says Sergio Quiroz, founder of Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli.

Maryanne Quiroz was one of the organizers of the event. Reach her at mexico.cenocho@gmail.com.

Sowing seeds of beauty

by Maryanne Quiroz
Neighborhood news

Attendees of the Bates and 4th Street area garden tour look at the beautiful plants and fish pond. Greening Dayton’s Bluff had five garden tours this summer.

6th Annual *** BOOYA! 
Sunday, October 7th | Noon

**** Check Out Our New Patio ****

Drink Specials During All Vikings Games
Complimentary Half Time Appetizers For All Bar/Game Room Customers

Now Serving Breakfast Saturday and Sunday 8:00 AM to 12 Noon
Lunch & Dinner 7 days a week
New expanded parking lot

1347 Burns Ave, St. Paul
(1 Blk West of 61 & Burns Ave)
651.776.7010

Instead of watching TV, make TV!

If you have the desire to produce television to express yourself, to get your point across, to help your neighbors, or to change your community for the better, we can help!

SPNN
(651) 224-5153
375 Jackson St., Ste 250
Saint Paul, MN 55101
www.spnn.org

Page 5
ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Eligibility to Vote
You can vote in Ramsey County if on Election Day you:
• will be at least 18 years old
• are a citizen of the United States
• are a Minnesota resident for 20 days immediately preceding Election Day
• are a resident of Ramsey County and the precinct in which you wish to vote
• are not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court revokes your right to vote
• are not found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote
• have the right to vote because, if you have been convicted of a felony, your felony sentence has expired (been completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence.

Registering on Election Day
If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information, you may do so at your local polling location on Election Day as long as you can provide proof of residence. You cannot be denied the right to vote due to the fact that you are in a mortgage foreclosure process.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must bring one of the following with your current name and address to verify your residence in the precinct:
• A valid Minnesota driver’s license, learner’s permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
• A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
• A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature
• A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
• A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
• A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
• An employee of the residential facility where you live who can confirm your address with a signed oath
• Both 1) a photo ID and 2) a current utility bill with your name and address in the precinct.

Register to Vote
Before you can vote, you must register. You may register before Election Day, or on Election Day at your polling place. Your registration remains current until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years.

Assistance or Accessibility
If you need assistance with voting, you can ask the election judges at the polling place. You can also ask a relative, friend, or neighbor to help you.

All polling places in Ramsey County are fully accessible to elderly and disabled voters, with clearly marked accessible doors and parking spaces. Each polling place will be equipped with an accessible voting device for use by persons with disabilities.

If you can’t easily leave your car, you can ask for the ballot to be brought out to you in your car.

If you are confined due to illness or disability, you can vote by absentee ballot.

If you have limited vision, you can be provided with voter registration and absentee ballot instructions in large print, on cassette tape, in Braille, or by TDD.

Absentee Voting
You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day because you are:
• away from home
• ill or disabled
• an election judge serving in another precinct
• unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs

A Message from State Representative
SHELDON JOHNSON
217 State Office Building, Saint Paul, MN 55155
(651) 296-4201 • rep.sheeldon.johnson@house.mn
www.house.leg.mn/67B • www.sheeldonjohnson.com

Prepared and paid for by Volunteers for Johnson (Sheldon) Committee, 2012; Howard St. S., St. Paul, MN 55119
Patrick Poirier — Scott County’s best

Patrick Poirier is a long-time employee of the Black River Falls State School in the town of Black River Falls. Poirier is a dedicated and hardworking employee who has been instrumental in the school’s success. He has played a key role in the school’s development, and his contributions have been recognized by the community. In honor of his dedication and hard work, the Board of Directors of the Black River Falls State School has decided to present him with the "Scott County’s best" award.

The award is given to individuals who have made a significant contribution to the community. Patrick Poirier has been a valuable asset to the school, and his work has been highly appreciated by the students, teachers, and parents. The award is a symbol of gratitude and recognition for his efforts.

Patrick Poirier will be honored at a special ceremony to be held at the Black River Falls State School. The event will be attended by friends, family, and colleagues who have had the opportunity to work with him. The ceremony will be a celebration of his achievements and a tribute to his commitment to the school and the community.

Patrick Poirier’s leadership and dedication have made a positive impact on the lives of the students and the school. He is a deserving recipient of this award, and the community is proud to honor him for his outstanding contributions.
An interview with Dale Harbor, Indian Mounds Park resident
by Forum board member Steve Trimble, with Mona Roth

People living in the Mounds Park section of Dayton’s Bluff are used to seeing Dale Harbor around the neighborhood. He tends the flowers and moves the grass on the small traffic triangle at Maria and McLean. Others watch him walking to Indian Mounds Park with his wheel barrel on the way to do some volunteer weeding.

Dale has recently been slowed down by some health problems, but fortunately his Maria Avenue friend and neighbor Mona Roth has filled in for him and can now be seen mowing and taking care of things. She agreed to do an interview with Dale.

Many of us know you as the Maria-McLean triangle park gardener. How long have you maintained this garden?

I have maintained the triangle garden for approximately 13 years. In 1996, Beverly Singwald, a Master Gardener from Mounds Street, originally laid out the flower beds, planted most of the perennials and maintained it for approximately 2 years. She no longer wanted to maintain the garden, so I took it over. It needed to be done and I enjoy gardening. It was mostly weeds when I started, but by pulling a lot of weeds and fertilization, we now have nice grass. Yearly I have been planting annuals for color. I also mow the grass in the summer and shovel the sidewalk in the winter.

I enjoy gardening and having the triangle look nice. Also, I really enjoy all the neighbors stopping by to visit while I’m gardening. Two years ago I received a “Bronze Blooming St. Paul Award” for residential areas from the city of St. Paul.

How long have you lived in Mounds Park Neighborhood?

My wife Jan and I have lived here 45 years and the houses look the same as they did 35 years ago. Families have changed, but the neighborhood has remained the same. The difference in the last 45 years is that the city has added a walkway next to the bluff. In 1996 they put a storm sewer in, which sad to say, they had to take the same. The difference in the last 45 years is that the city has added a walkway next to the bluff. In 1996 they put a storm sewer in, which sad to say, they had to take the same. The difference in the last 45 years is that the city has added a walkway next to the bluff. In 1996 they put a storm sewer in, which sad to say, they had to take the same. The difference in the last 45 years is that the city has added a walkway next to the bluff. In 1996 they put a storm sewer in, which sad to say, they had to take the same.

Tell us about your experience living and raising a family here.

We raised two children, a son and daughter in this neighborhood. It is a good neighborhood in which to raise children. There has always been a good mix of younger and older people for the children to associate with. People that move into this area tend to stay for a number of years and quite often children purchase their parent’s grandparents’ homes.

What do you like most about the Mounds Park Neighborhood?

I enjoy the peacefulness and quiet of the area, as well as the great neighbors. We have a safe neighborhood with very few police calls. The neighborhood is like a little island, it’s like a jewel within the city. Not too many people are even aware of this neighborhood. The sidewalks and pathways in the park make it a great neighborhood in which to go for a walk. Within Mounds Park, the view from the bluff shows four modes of transportation: railways (trains), roads (cars, buses, trucks), river (boats and steamboats), and airport (variety of planes and National Guard Helicopters).

Many of us know you as the Maria-McLean triangle park gardener. How long have you maintained this garden?

The beautiful view from the bluff has always been a photo opportunity. The view from the bluff shows four modes of transportation: railways (trains), roads (cars, buses, trucks), river (boats and steamboats), and airport (variety of planes and National Guard Helicopters). The beautiful view from the bluff has always been a photo opportunity.

Letter to the editor

It wasn’t a win for Dayton’s Bluff

I couldn’t believe what I read in a recent issue of the Pioneer Press. It was a short article on a 2011 building swap that the paper referred to as a “win, win, win.” Unfortunately there was a big “lose, lose, lose, lose” for Dayton’s Bluff and other East Side neighborhoods.

The Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association honored a “building swap” in which the East Side Community Center was given to the public schools which traded for the old Franklin Elementary School.

So what’s the problem? There is now no East Side Community Center! Years ago the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council was pushing for a community center. Other neighborhoods had them: West 7th, Summit/University, and Merriam Park, to name a few. I even heard that the Merrick Center said we were too close to them and would fight against any funding unless it was a shared East Side Community Center. It ended up being attached to Harding High School. It wasn’t really a good location – no easy access to buses – but it was better than nothing.

And, as with so many other things on the East Side, it is gone. I don’t remember any local elected officials who spoke up against this giveaway. Shouldn’t someone tell us why this happened and what can be done about it?

Will we ever get a replacement community center? Yes, budgets are tight, but the city can find money for new dog parks and a million dollars for a new Frogtown park and, of all things, an urban farm. The East Side deserves better than this. Don’t you think so? Will anyone do something for a change?

G. B. LeRoy, St. Paul

Goodbye to Size Matters

Owner Mee Thao, saying goodbye in front of her store Size Matters at 781 East 5th Street. She has sold the building due to health matters; September 5 was the last day.

Dayton’s Bluff memories

Last month we asked readers to write about any memories that were re-kindled by any of the local matchbooks. One who responded was Joan Russell Stoffel, who sent in the following interesting reminiscences:

Reading the article on matchbooks in the September issue really took me down memory lane. I bowed for the first time at Saerth and Marchal in the late 1940s. My mother was on a long line, bowing for the Kemper Bar on Earl Street between Hudson and Wakefield.

In the late 1970s I bowed for the Viaduct and at Arlington Rec. on Minnehaha and Payne avenue. I also met the love of my life at the Viaduct. We were together 22 years until he passed away in 1998.

I have so many good memories of the Bluff. I lived on Euclid, Maple, Maria, Cherry and Pacific Streets. Went to Mounds Park School when Miss Doris Eng was the principal. I also went to St. John’s Catholic School and graduated in 1952. We roller-skated, danced and bowed at Sacred Heart. I was a Girl Scout under Mrs. Arthur Borth at Mounds Park School.

My first job was at Mounds Park Hospital. By the way, my phone number back then was Tower 5695 and, of course, we had a party line. It included two elderly ladies who loved to talk and listen in. But to give them their due, we were kids on our end, so I guess it was a horse opera.

I climbed the cliffs at the end of Cherry Street. There were three houses on the west side of Mounds Boulevard. The Puffer family lived in the last house on Cherry Street. Till the cliffs started to give way. We would climb the cliffs, go across the railroad tracks to the Mississippi River—the dumb things we did as kids!

I waited for many street cars outside of Brozek’s Market on the corner of Hudson Road and Cypress – there was no freeway back then. I bought my first pack of bubble gum at Brozek’s. You could not buy bubble gum during World War II, so when the war was over we couldn’t wait to buy it.

A lot of other good times were at the Tusedo, another name for the Bluff gaygrounds. There was ice skating and carnivals. Yes, those were the days; so many good memories.

The Forum is always interested in publishing “growing up in Dayton’s Bluff” stories, long or short. Please send in your own memories!