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"The Voice of the Community"

Your VOTE counts!

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Community Council*

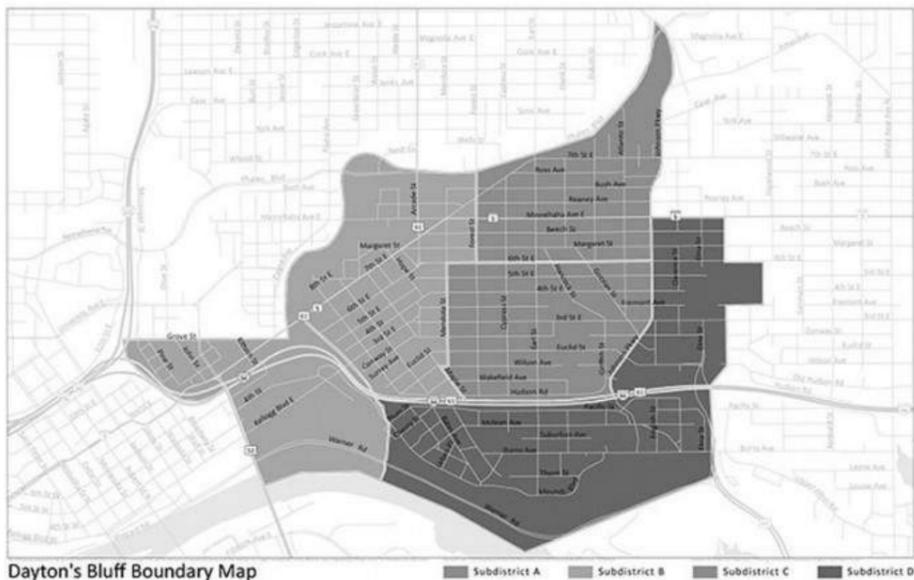
Elections are the foundation of our democracy, yet many people don't believe their vote really counts. This year is critical to our community and our nation. While we are electing a President of the United States and many local and state representatives, there is a hyper-local election right here in Dayton's Bluff!

The role of St. Paul's 17 district councils is to ensure community participation in St. Paul's planning and decision-making processes. Community participation facilitates effective, informed, and representative participation of neighborhoods in government and self-help initiatives. District councils provide a channel for communication with

elected officials, City department staff, and other relevant agency representatives.

The Community Council is elected by the community and works to strengthen local leadership around issues that matter to families and children, individuals and business owners, workers and activists. Now more than ever, community voice is the essential ingredient for positive change in the community. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council brings people together to build a coalition of leaders who influence political decisions and focus resources to resolve local issues and build on community assets.

You may want to be a candidate and increase your community connections and influence, or you can campaign and vote for your favorite candidates. Eligible voters are adults who reside, own property or own or operate a business within District 4. Ten sub-district positions and one "at-large" business representative will be elected this year. One or more candidate forums will be held in October.



Dayton's Bluff Boundary Map

Map courtesy of East Side Review

The Community Council is made up of four sub-districts with two representatives elected each year (serving two-year terms). You must be a resident of the sub-district to run for a seat on the Community Council.



**Community Dinner, Annual Meeting,
and District 4 Planning Council Election***

Join us at the
Historic Mounds Theatre
1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106
Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

*You may cast your vote at the Council offices (804 Margaret St.) for one full week prior to the meeting (beginning October 19th)

Candidate applications and more information are available at:
www.daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075 or michelle@daytonsbluff.org.

The Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour cruises through Swede Hollow

*Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff*

This year, the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour went through beautiful Swede Hollow Park, along the Bruce

Vento Trail, past the old Hamm's Brewery (now Flat Earth) and on to Lake Phalen. A major highlight of the ride is the Seventh Street Improvement Arches – spiraling stone courses cut from Mankato limestone support this rare helicoidal bridge, completed in 1884. Only a handful of these unique arches were built in North America.

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Karin DuPaul

Participants in the Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour on Sunday, September 11, enjoyed a perfect fall day while riding through picturesque Swede Hollow Park.



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Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

The Hike is back! Now on the **second Saturday** of most months, the Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at **10:30 a.m.**

The next hike will be on **Saturday, October 8**. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, October 5, at 6:30 p.m.** Email karin@swedehollow.org or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking help with writing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7th Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email editor@daytonsbuff.org for more information.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Police will host their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The next meetings are on **Wednesday, October 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are intended as a time to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Let's stay connected!

Find out what's happening in your community and at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. DBCC sends out a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed about current programs and issues that impact our community. It's easy to sign up – just text BLUFF to 22828 to sign up and start getting updates delivered directly to your inbox today!



SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos

nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio.

¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

Need more healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won't affect their immigration status.

Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for you and your family.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into under-resourced neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



The Eastside Open Market is a live music, food, art, and farmers market located at 463 Maria Avenue. Open **Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Call 651-815-8523 for more information or Eastside Open Market on Facebook.



Thursday, September 29, through Sunday, October 9: *May the Musical Be With You – A Star Wars Parody.* *May the Musical Be With You* is a musical parody of *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope*, narrated by George Lucas as he creates the universe we all love and adore. Join your favorite characters Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, and Darth Vader as they try to either save or destroy the galaxy through musical song and dance. Tickets are \$20 with discounts for seniors, military, and students.

Saturday, October 15: Independent Wrestling International (IWI). Doors open at **6:45 p.m.**, bell is at **7:30 p.m.** Come early to get the best seats!

Weekends, October 14-30: *Real Haunted Tours* return to the Mounds. Each tour is a one-hour nighttime presentation of our well-known haunted venue. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our resident spirits! 16+ stairs, darkness, and paranormal company are included. The last tour of the night has an option to upgrade to a 3-hour tour, which includes the regular tour, plus the basement and time to explore on your own. On **Sunday October 30**, two "Sunset Tours" give kids ages 8-15 an opportunity to take the tour (accompanied by an adult) before sundown. Tickets are \$20. Advance reservations are highly recommended.

Visit moundstheatre.org for more in-

formation on these and other events not listed here, and to purchase tickets as they become available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com.

October at the Dayton's Bluff Library

Join the Dayton's Bluff Library for the following events taking place in October: *FunZONE: Games and Maker Space; Saturdays in October, from noon to 2:00 p.m.*

Third Saturday Social; Saturday, October 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Explore a different part of the world by learning about its local customs, crafts and cuisine.

Code Club; Saturday, October 24, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Program robots, make animation, design video games, and learn to code!

Homework Help in the Zone! Students may drop in to use homework centers – comfortable spaces at the library where students of all ages can drop in and work on their homework independently or with the help of volunteer tutors. The centers are equipped with comfortable furniture, computers, printers, reference books, and school supplies for student use. *Homework Help in the Zone* is available **Monday-Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

For information about these and other events check spl.org or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

October at the East Side Freedom Library

The East Side Freedom Library will host a workshop series on *Mindfulness Meditation: The Practice of Freedom*, **Fridays, from noon to 1:00 p.m.**

The workshop will be led by Marc Anderson, a widely respected teacher of meditation. This weekly gathering will focus on the ritual of mindfulness meditation as the practice of freedom, and will encourage participants to consider the meaning of freedom through shared readings, discussion, and writing reflections. This gathering is open to everyone; sessions are drop-in and offered on a donation basis.

Story Telling Through Vinyl and Film, the monthly collaboration between A Greener Read and the East Side Freedom Library, will feature Nina Simone in October. Stop by A Greener Read at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7**, for happy hour and to listen to Ms. Simone's records, then come to the Library at **7:00 p.m.** for a screening of the widely praised new documentary, *What Happened, Miss Simone?*

On **Sunday, October 9, at 1:00 p.m.**, celebrate the \$15NOW movement to raise the minimum wage, get earned sick and safe time for all workers, and rational scheduling. This event will feature activist workers from the grassroots of the campaign.

Design and Screenprint: A Free Political Graphics Workshop. On **October 15, from noon to 3:00 p.m. (design) and October 16, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (print)** your own political graphics at the East Side Freedom Library. This is a project of Living Proof

Print Collective with Aaron Johnson-Ortiz and Aaron Rosenblum.

Attend one day or both. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/NXeFeJVB-V7tqwelf2>.

On **Tuesday, October 18, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, District 1 Youth Council presents: *East Side Pride Open Mic*. Have a talent you want to share? Do you have East Side pride? Join our safe space for all ages and talents.

This event will take place at the East Side Freedom Library. Contact Chia "Chilli" Lor at district1chia@gmail.com, or 651-578-7400.

Discuss the issues raised by August Wilson's Pulitzer-prize winning play *Jitney* on **Wednesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m.** *Jitney* is being staged at Penumbra Theater in Saint Paul. H. Adam Harris, a professional actor, director, and teacher in the University of Minnesota's Theater program, will lead the discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the play.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1150 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org, or visit eastsidefreedomlibrary.org for details on these and other upcoming events.

Food Business class series to be offered by LEDC and Kitchen on the Bluff

Starting a food business? Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) and Kitchen on the Bluff are offering a specialized series of classes for prospective food entrepreneurs. Classes will cover basic business requirements, food regulatory issues, permits, and access to markets. Specific sessions will focus on food safety, food preservation, and food truck operations. Classes begin October 18, in St. Paul. For more information and to register call Marisa at 651-395-4047 or email marisa@ledc-mn.org. Classes are appropriate for caterers, small food manufacturers, food truck operators, and farmers. The cost is \$100 and includes the nine class series and two hours of business consultation.

LEDC is also offering the opportunity for food businesses to lease time in its kitchen incubator, Kitchen on the Bluff, located on the East Side of St. Paul, for beginning or established small business operators. Financing is available for qualified applicants.

Business Classes

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in the fall of 2016. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Class training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan, plus eight 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.

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 scale. Class size is limited. Call Emma Spillman at 651-379-8432 to apply.



Steve Trimble

Hispanic Heritage month kicked off on September 10, at CLUES Fiesta Latina with an outdoor celebration of family, community, and Latino culture, held at 797 E. 7th Street.

Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736
Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a neighborhood congregation where cultures meet, located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. Sunday worship starts at **10:30 a.m.** Come and meet your neighbors!

Weekly in October: *Fall After-School Program for area Youth*, sponsored by Mc-Vay Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades 5-12 at Mounds Park Church from **3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** of each week offering cooking classes, games, homework help, field trips, and help learning English.

Wednesday, October 26: Starting at **noon**, join Mounds Park United Methodist for a *Community Friendship Gathering* with hot lunch. The day will begin with a hot lunch of pork loin and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and dessert, followed by a program featuring Sherwin and Pam Linthon singing favorite songs of various periods. All are invited to come; the focus of this event is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

Monday, October 31: *Community Halloween Party* and dinner at the church, from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Come dressed in your Halloween costume! While you are out trick or treating, stop in at the church for a safe and dry place to warm up. There will be free dinner for all, games to play that earn candy prizes, and a warm place to meet new friends and neighbors. There will also be an opportunity to get your child's picture taken in their Halloween Costume. All are invited!

4th Annual Walk & Roll to Remember

Anne Kolar
 Cerenity Marian

Cerenity Senior Care – Marian of Saint Paul held its 4th Annual Walk & Roll to Remember event on Thursday, September 8. This event is held annually to honor and support loved ones with memory loss and their dedicated caregivers.

Elders enjoyed viewing a number of classic cars as they listened to live music from the 50s and 60s. Dancing and reminiscing filled the lovely early fall afternoon.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Cerenity Marian: On **Monday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m., Be Wise, Be Informed, Be Empowered**, by Gary Johnson – a dynamic speaker on protecting yourself and others in today's marketplace, and senior outreach manager for the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of Minnesota and North Dakota.



Cerenity Senior Care

The 4th Annual Walk & Roll to remember event treated elders and their caregivers to an afternoon filled with classic cars and dancing to classic tunes.

Johnson has been with the BBB since 2004 and has more than 40 years of business experience as a speaker. *Be Wise, Be Informed, Be Empowered* will cover top-

ics like scam alerts, BBB business reviews, and topics related to recognizing threats to safety and security.

Wednesday, October 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cerenity Marian will offer an *AARP Smart Driving Course*. Cost is \$15 per person, and participants may receive up to 10% off of their car insurance for completing the course. All drivers 55 and older are encouraged to attend this course at least once every three years.

Both of these events take place at Cerenity Marian, located at 200 Earl Street in St. Paul. Call 651-771-2914 for more information.

East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: History of Beer Brewing on the East Side

Janet Golden
 Executive Director, East Side Elders

Back by popular demand! On **Thursday, October 13, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran Church (463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul) East Side Elders presents *Elder Cafe: History of Beer Brewing on the East Side*. Hear master brewer Tod Fyten talk about the brewing industry on St. Paul's East Side.

Call 651-683-2326 to make a reservation or to request a ride. Elder Cafe cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation.

Admission is free for seniors age 60 and over; all other guests are invited to make a suggested donation of \$10.00. This event is presented in partnership between East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton's Bluff.



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Jude Mercedes DeRango named October's featured artist at The Goat Coffee House

Tabitha Benci DeRango
Special to the Forum

Jude Mercedes DeRango will be featured artist at The Goat Coffee House for the month of October.

At age 14, DeRango already possesses skills which allow her to express great feeling through her artistic medi-



ums. While her current phase features mostly human forms, her styles vary and frequently portrait mysterious and mythical elements. "Art is my way of putting my emotions, my point of view, into a form that can be experienced" she said.

An art opening event will take place Thursday October 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All friends and neighbors are encouraged to come and celebrate this local talent at her first art show. Her works will be showcased at The Goat Coffee House, located at 699 E. 7th Street in St. Paul, throughout the month of October, and at the Saint Paul Art Crawl on October 14, 15, and 16.



Jude Mercedes DeRango

Examples of work created by local artist Jude Mercedes DeRango. Ms. DeRango is the featured artist for the month of October at The Goat Coffee House.

Honoring the Self-Taught Photographic Artist to be exhibited at Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery

Robert Boos
Metropolitan State University

Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery presents NEXUS: Honoring the Self-Taught Photographic Artist.

This group exhibition features the work of Hmong, Laotian African-American and Caucasian artists involved in NEXUS, a professional development program for self-taught community-based artists living in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The program, administered by the non-profit In-Progress, is dedicated to providing professional mentorship and exhibition opportunities to artists that have developed their skills outside of traditional learning settings. For this exhibition, six artists will

present a diverse body of digitally produced images under the guidance of Minneapolis based photographer and guest curator Xavier Tavera. Participants include Alvan Washington, Lor Cha, Melissa Vang, Negussie Netsant, DOWLS Nikol, and Mary Richardson.

"Self-taught artists are often self-directed and have the ability to find solutions to obstacles they encounter and continue doing art," Tavera said, regarding the exhibition.

The exhibit opens with a reception from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, September 15. The exhibit will be shown through October 21. Gallery hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The gallery is located at university's Saint Paul campus in the Library and Learning Center, located at 645 East 7th Street.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Erica Rasmussen, gallery director, at 651-999-5942 or e-mail her at erica.rasmussen@metrostate.edu.

Art Crawl Eastside – it's "in the map"

Tabitha Benci DeRango
Community "Artist"

The Saint Paul Art Collective celebrates 25 years of their annual Saint Paul Art Crawl, which has helped to shape and invigorate our city over the years. The new "map" format of the crawl encourages crawlers to explore neighborhoods as the city has grown in its various artist locations, showcasing the talent of our region. The Eastside has always been home to many participating artists and is ready to host even more locations this fall. The Saint Paul Art Crawl catalog can be found at any of the artist locations and is a beautiful tribute to the many fine artists of the area. This fall, the hope is to inspire participants to get "in the map" and go exploring. There might even be Pokémon along the way, if that's your thing.

Nestled in the middle of a residential area, up some stairs to a winding path around the house, lies Geiger Studios at 1647 Beech Street. Josephine Geiger, a stained glass artist, has been hosting this location on the Saint Paul Art Crawl since 2006. She is an integral part of the planning operations for the two Saint Paul Art Crawls that take place each year. She also has guest artists that show with her, this year the featured artists at this location include

Brenda Brousseau, Emily Gray Koehler, Karen Maudaul, and Ernest Miller. Many artists from the studio have been award winners for the crawl's art competitions. Emily and Brenda are currently State Board Art Grantees, be sure to ask them about their projects when you stop by. Geiger studios draws more than 300 people to the Eastside during every Saint Paul Art Crawl. This year, the hope is to break that record big-time as there are many more opportunities on the Bluff for art enthusiasts and shoppers.

Grab a coffee and some art at The Goat Coffee House, located at 699 E. 7th Street, near Metro State University. They will be featuring youth artist Jude DeRango (age 14). Other youth artists will be there to showcase their work,

and some will be creating on site. Stop by and greet them – this is a great way to encourage the next generations of artists.

Just a short walk up E. 7th Street, you will find the Pop-up Gallery at the former Animal Ark building at 809 E. 7th Street and Arcade Street. Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services along with coordinator John Bueche were able to gain interest from local artists for this venue which is hosted by Indigenous Roots. John's planning produced many positive results. "I love how it all came together and how many people are excited about this event" he said.

Just around the corner on Minnehaha Avenue, Flat Earth Brewery is an ideal spot to take a short respite and take in some more art. Artists such as Tracy Thompson, Matt Kohn, and Ben Greiling of On the Bluff Pottery will be showcasing here. Friday evening Art in the Hollow artists will be hosting an opening night show from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Saturday, the excitement will continue with the East Side Freedom Library's *Labor and Immigrant History* presentation at 1:00 p.m. Saturday night boasts a music stage with a line-up from the Eastside's own WEQY Radio.

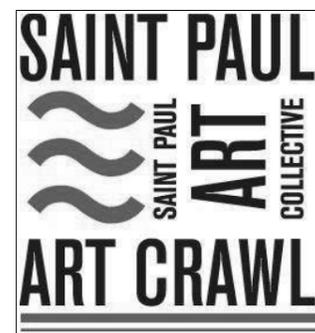
There are locations all around the Eastside that feature local artists year-round. Check out The Goat Coffee House, Sidhe Brewing, Swede Hollow Café, Eastside Arts Council, Metropolitan State University Gallery, and soon-to-come; Caydence Records and Music.

If you are an artist who has an interest in being part of this experience, remember to register for the spring Saint Paul Art Crawl – registration begins in February of 2017.

The Eastside will be featuring more than 45 artists throughout the various locations. It is a great time to show your

support for local artists and get unique art for yourself, your home, and gifts for friends and family. Join in the fun by walking, biking, and busing around the city and getting "in the map" on October 14, 15, and 16.

Visit www.saintpaulartcrawl.org/ for more information and to download a map of the Fall 2016 Saint Paul Art Crawl.



Two student-written plays to premiere at Metropolitan State University

Robert Boos
Metropolitan State University

Premiering as part of Metropolitan State University's fall theater season, two new student-written plays will take audiences on journeys through an absurd comedy of frustration and into a raw and intimate experience of the justice system.

Dream Dig, by Mark Stewart, and *58 Months*, by Benjamin Granger, both won last year's Metropolitan State Playwriting contest and then went through several months of development to focus and expand the stories.

In *Dream Dig*, the opportunity to join an archaeological dig provides the incentive of a lifetime for a bright, energetic, and slightly unscrupulous young college man. But he must first earn the money he will need to study abroad. Where he ultimately ends up might just surprise you in this engaging comedy filled with hilarious characters and zany situations.

In *58 Months*, a smug and arrogant, self-possessed young man is certain he can "beat the rap" after he is arrested for several hardcore drug violations and thrown into jail. As his friends and family fail him, he comes to depend on his

newly acquired friends made behind bars. Will he succeed or will he fail? A penetrating look at this country's justice system as seen from within.

"These plays are polar opposites in style," said Gail Smogard, Theater Program director. "One is an absurd comedy borne out of the frustration of working a series of odd jobs to pay for school. The other is a raw and intimate journey into a young man's experience with the justice system and his own contrary inclinations."

Both plays will be performed at 7:00 p.m., November 9 through 12, at the Stagedoor Theater, with a 2:00 p.m. matinee on November 12. The Stagedoor Theater is located in the Whitney Fine Arts Center at 1424 Yale Place, Minneapolis. On-street parking is available, as is ramp parking at Minneapolis Community and Technical College, 1501 Hennepin Avenue. General admission is \$10 and students with ID may attend at no cost. Reservations are encouraged by calling 612-659-7222.

Dream Dig and *58 Months* are produced by Theater Underground and Metropolitan State University's Theater Program, which offers the culminating two years of a theater major for transferring students. For more information, contact the Theater Program at 612-659-7222. Persons with disabilities who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event should call Disability Services at 651-793-1549 or 651-772-7687 (TTY).

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Don't shortchange the East Side

Jane Prince
Ward 7 – City Council

You might have seen the headlines in September that reported that the East Side has not gotten its fair share of capital investment by the City of Saint Paul. At the request of the East Side Neighborhood Development Corporation (ES-NDC), the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the University of Minnesota studied Saint Paul's investment of CIB funds across the city over the past 10 years, and finds it is unequal across the city. Though the East Side includes 33 percent of city residents, the City has only invested 19 percent of its capital improvement bonds in our communities east of I-35.

CIB funds are used to invest in roads, reconstruction and repair of public facilities including recreation centers and pub-

lic safety facilities. Since I joined the City Council in January, Ward 6 Councilmember Dan Bostrom and I have fought for the renewal, replacement and retention of public facilities that are needed now more than ever on Saint Paul's East Side.

Early this year, we prevented the City Administration's proposed relocation of a so-called "super medic" unit away from Engine 9 on the East Side, preserving vital emergency response resources for our community. Yet despite our efforts, Johnson Parkway, slated for reconstruction as part of the Saint Paul Grand Round, was delayed indefinitely. Highwood Hills Recreation Center has been permanently closed, and the soccer field promised to Highwood neighbors never opened this summer. The Margaret Playground CIB project has been delayed because the bids were too high.

Among the resource gaps on the East Side is the dearth of youth programming in the heart of Ward 7, since the closing of the Eastview Rec Center in 2008. Neighbors there are understandably

frustrated that along with the closing of the building, the condition of the tot lot, tennis courts, basketball half court and playing fields is substandard. Crimes like drug dealing and home burglaries have seen an uptick, and gunshots this summer have the community on edge.

Some Eastview neighbors decided to take a field trip to the Merriam Park Center in early September, when they learned that the tot lot there was slated for replacement because it was ranked to be in the *worst condition citywide*. What they found there, on a Thursday evening, was a recreation center that was fully staffed, fully lit and fully occupied by neighborhood residents from toddlers to seniors. The tot lot, basketball half court, tennis court, skateboard park, gym and indoor facilities were all in use.

When they drove home to Eastview, there was no activity on the fields and facilities, because there were no lights, and the building was closed to the public as it has been since being leased several years ago to a private operator.

What the CURA study shows us is that

along with the unequal capital investment across the city, the neighborhoods that benefit from the most investment also have the highest property values. As a consequence, property taxpayers west of Lexington are paying ever-higher taxes at increasingly unsustainable levels, while our East Side tax base, reflecting fewer investments in our public facilities, languishes.

When we add to that the fact that our East Side has some of the city's largest concentrations of new immigrants, and neighbors challenged by poverty and unemployment, the City's unequal investment is also *inequitable*. Children and families on the Eastside need good public recreation centers because they need quality, affordable, safe and accessible places to gather and play – just like neighbors enjoy in Merriam Park.

Now is not the time to accept the hand we've been dealt. The time is now for all of us to stand together and advocate for a stronger East Side.

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Dayton's Bluff Resident Jeanelle Foster answers education questions

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

Jeanelle Foster was endorsed at the DFL convention on August 13, to run for a one-year term on the St. Paul School Board. Foster has raised two children on the East Side where she has lived for 13 years. She was a teacher and has worked for many years with children and families offering parent education and leading diversity groups. Last year, Foster was elected to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. If she wins, Jeanelle would be



Steve Trimble
Jeanelle Foster on the campaign trail.

the sole representative of the East Side on the School Board. We asked the candidate three questions. The following is what she had to say.

Q: Why are you running for school board? "I am running for the St. Paul School Board for a variety of reasons; I care about the success of our schools, our children, and the

teachers who create space in which to learn and be successful. I, and my children, are products of St. Paul schools. I am an educator, a parent, and a community member who is vested in ensuring success for our kids, and I truly believe my values line up in accordance with other stakeholders who want to see St. Paul schools thrive for our kids, neighborhood, city, and state."

Q: What are your qualifications? "I have 25 years working with children and families professionally; as an educator, administrator, parent educator, and advocate for children and families.

I have a Masters degree in education, a Bachelor's degree in Human Services focused on Family Studies, as well as an Early Childhood Education degree. I have done and continue to do this work,

and I am passionate about it. I am the face of many of our children in our classrooms today. I am the educator who has struggled to gain support and resources to ensure that ALL children's needs have been met. I am the administrator who has worked to bring all stakeholders together to ensure success for EVERY child, every teacher, every parent."

Q: What would be the first thing/s you would work on to make some improvements to the current system? "This is a loaded question, understanding the urgency in multiple areas. However, my first job is to talk with teachers, parents, and administrators to hear and understand their perspectives, contributions, concerns, and frustrations, as well as how they think we can all work together to move our district forward successfully."

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533 new citizens from 81 countries sworn in as U.S. citizens

Jennifer Orr
Senate Majority Media

On September 6, 533 refugees and immigrants were sworn in as new citizens of the United States of America by Magistrate Judge Steven E. Rau of the United States District Court.

Minnesota Senator Fong Hawj became the first state senator of Asian descent to give the welcoming remarks at an Oath of Allegiance ceremony celebrating new citizens. Senator Hawj came to America as a Hmong refugee from war-torn Laos in 1976. He took the

Oath of Allegiance and became a USA citizen in 1982.

"You are the brave and have sacrificed much. You demonstrated resiliency ... and have overcome much adversity, to be where you are today," Sen. Hawj said before an audience of new citizens and over 2,000 family members and sponsors. "I was born in Laos and came to this county as a refugee in 1976, so I know firsthand of the challenges of preparing for and becoming a citizen.

"I am sure, you and your children will proudly care for this land, make improvements in our progress, and protect this country, when called upon. I have faith in you, as earlier Americans had in me."

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St. Paul business incubator wins grant

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A planned business incubator in St. Paul's Dayton's Bluff neighborhood is the next step in an effort to turn East Seventh Street, a road once dominated by car dealerships, into a more people-oriented and entrepreneurial corridor, community planners say.

City officials awarded the incubator a \$350,000 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grant this year — the largest award in the 2016 batch.

The STAR funding is a critical piece of the \$2 million endeavor to revamp an old Chevrolet car dealership at 809 E. Seventh St., said Jim Erchul, the executive director for the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services.

"We wouldn't be able to do this without that [STAR grant], because of the mathematics of financing a project like this," he said. "It just doesn't work in terms of what you can get for rent versus what it would cost to renovate that building."

The building will need a new roof, brick work, heating and cooling systems, and an interior makeover to accommodate the new uses, Erchul said.

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services organization has been leading the charge on the project along with St. Paul-based Neighborhood Development Center, which manages other business incubators in the Twin Cities and offers entrepreneur training.

The groups want to turn the building into an aspiring entrepreneur and contractor haven, with space for construction materials, a shared co-working office, and room for a few small busi-

nesses.

One of the main goals is to get young people and business owners "rubbing elbows" as companies grow and look to hire people, Erchul said.

The 13,000-square-foot building, at the northwest corner of Arcade and East Seventh streets, was home to the Animal Ark Thrift and Pet Store until it closed earlier this year.

"Seventh Street was like an auto dealership street at one time," Erchul said. "You know how they talk about that on University Avenue? The same thing was going on Seventh Street. I had auto dealer historians come by because they were doing research on it."

Though the renovation plans are in the early stages, the building is scheduled to be up and running in the first half of 2017.

The investment marks the second time in recent years the neighborhood has seen a significant investment from the city's STAR program. A \$500,000 STAR grant from 2012 was aimed at boosting businesses and economic development along East Seventh Street by supporting local property ownership, improving buildings and signage, and encouraging shared parking and landscaping.

The last of that 2012 money, which was overseen by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, will be spent on the corridor for those efforts this year, said Deanna Abbott-Foster, executive director of the council. The grant was a huge milestone for the community, she added.

"STAR money previously had not been coming to this area, and... [businesses] were all just kind of struggling along," she said. "So this is another iteration of a very strategic effort to rebuild the business district on Seventh Street."

The additional investment in the old building, which sits in the neighborhood's business district, will align with the community's goals to boost economic activity and employment for young people and minorities, Abbott-Foster said.

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Welcome to East Side Elders

Mark Gallagher
Forum Staff

East Side Elders was formally called Dayton's Bluff Seniors, and it was incorporated in 2008. The official name on its legal paperwork is Dayton's Bluff Living at Home Block Nurse Program, but it has always been shortened to Dayton's Bluff Seniors.

"All the Living at Home Network Programs have 'block nurse' in their name but not everybody does nursing," says Executive Director, Janet Golden. "I think originally there was the Living at Home Network, which was people providing rides and friendly visits. Then there was the block nurse program, which was actually a nursing program. The two programs realized they were doing basically the same thing, so they combined forces. Now there is one person going into the home and providing all the services, so there is no duplication of services."

Some say it was started by a group of people who wanted to provide services to seniors so they could stay in their own home, but it was actually started by a woman by the name of Maryann Chowan. She worked with a neighboring Living at Home Network Program and decided that Dayton's Bluff needed its own program. Chowan started the program and worked with people like Karin DuPaul to create the Dayton's Bluff Living at Home Network.

In the fall of 2015, a program in the Payne/Phalen area, which was called Payne/Phalen Elders, closed its doors. "We had been working with the state to help support these seniors in the Payne/Phalen community," says Golden. "The name Dayton's Bluff Seniors wasn't very attractive or very welcoming to those living in the Payne/Phalen community, so we decided we wanted a name that was all encompassing. We thought East Side Elders was a good compromise, and we did the official name change in April or May of this year."

East Side Elders has a staff of two. Kala Hotakainen, as the Volunteer Coordinator, works with Janet Golden, and the two manage about 40 volunteers. "We have a core of ten volunteers," Hotakainen says, "who are consistently helping us with rides to the grocery store, doctor appointments, and they

also do friendly visits. We often have groups of people from a high school or a university come in and help us with a number of special events."

Their Web site says that it is the mission of East Side Elders to build or provide a "circle of care" around the elders in Dayton's Bluff and the Payne/Phalen area. "Circle of care," says Golden, "is the idea that we have clients, and they may need to have a ride to the store, or they may need someone to help them with their laundry, or they may need a ride to a social event. What we do is try to find all the services that person may need, whether it's finding legal assistance or finding someone to help them mow their lawn or clear snow from their property."

East Side Elders has the Elder Café for social activities, and they currently have that once a month in the First Lutheran Church at 463 Maria Avenue. The meeting place is either in the big hall or in the basement of the church. East Side Elders is now expanding to have another Elder Café at Real Life Co-op in the Payne/Phalen area — it is a senior housing unit. They're expanding the idea of the Elder Café to have a third cafe at the Parkway Gardens. Thus, East Side Elders promote healthy lifestyles by encouraging their clients to get out to meet, talk, and just get to know other people.

Referrals play a big part in the everyday happenings at East Side Elders. "If somebody is looking for legal help, we will refer them to local, low-cost organizations like Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS)," says Golden. "If a client needs help with just about anything, East Side

Elders can usually find a local nonprofit or other organization that can help."

With all the things going on at East Side Elders, the most fundamental element that drives the organization to succeed is the volunteer opportunities. First and foremost is the cadre of amazing volunteers who will take on just about any task: giving rides, cleaning, lawn mowing, snow shoveling, and the friendly visits. The volunteer opportunities are also there for the seniors. "By volunteering, it gives seniors a bit of purpose," says Golden. "It gets them out of their apartment to really enforce the fact that this is neighbor helping neighbor — we're helping each other."

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Mark Gallagher

Janet Golden (left) and Kala Hotakainen. Janet is the Executive Director of East Side Elders, and Kala is the Volunteer Coordinator.

Where have all the old streets gone?

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

Lately there has been a lot of talk about naming rights in relation to sports venues or naming buildings after prominent citizens. Most local folks know that Maria and Bates streets were named for Lyman Dayton's wife. However, this month I decided to feature former street names that have disappeared from the face of Dayton's Bluff.

Johnson Street is no more. It used to be found on early plat maps of Suburban Hills, which was more or less what is now called the Mounds Park area. It was named for Gates A. Johnson, a surveyor and civil engineer who came to St. Paul in 1855. His name was affixed to a street in 1856, so he may have been considered a prominent resident, since he was chief engineer of the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad. Or perchance, as a surveyor of numerous early additions to the city, some real estate developer may have wanted to toss him a favor.

So what happened? Johnson Street was widened in 1930 and became part of Johnson Parkway, which went from Indian Mounds Park to Phalen Park. Don Empson, author of *The Street Where You Live*, says that this new roadway was in honor of John Johnson, who was Governor of Minnesota from 1905 to 1909.

Another lost roadway is Hoffman Avenue – also affected by creation of a new road. It was named for James K. Hoffman who came to St. Paul in 1851. He ran the sawmill of William L. Ames at the foot of Dayton's Bluff and was also a businessman – a grocer and a politician who served as a member of the City Council in 1872, and from 1873 to 1880 was State Inspector of Oil, (whatever that was).

Hoffman Avenue's name replaced that of an earlier Dayton Avenue, surely named after the local Dayton family. Some sections of Hoffman were absorbed into the newly created Mounds Boulevard, but most were swallowed up by the chasm of I-94.

There once was a Collins Street in our neighborhood – it is now Atlantic Street, so named in 1874. There was another Collins Street in Railroad Island so this may have been another anti-confusion move.

How did a person ever manage to pronounce Fauquier Street without it seeming strange or even racy? It was named in 1857 in honor of Francis Fauquier, a colonial governor of Virginia. It was renamed in the 1950s to commemorate the work Archibald Bush did to help develop 3M. The workers at the company partially located on Bush Street found the new name easy on the tongue.

Van Buren Place is now just a memory, but it once graced the Lower Bluff for a few blocks. It honored, for some reason, President Martin Van Buren. Van Buren Place was originally called Ravine Street. Edward Devitt, a member of Congress and a United States District Judge, lived at 716 Van Buren

Place and attended Van Buren School. His house is gone as is the name of his boyhood street. Its remains are called Surrey. Do you get as confused as I do with the frequent re-namings?

Whatever happened to Hester Street, once the fourth street east of Mound Street in what was the McLean Reservation? It was named for the wife of Nathaniel McLean. Hester Nutt was 17 when she married Nathaniel in Ohio. He came alone to Minnesota in 1859 and was named the Indian Agent at Fort Snelling by Millard Fillmore – at least the President did something worthwhile during his term in office. Hester followed soon after, eventually having one son and six daughters, living near the corner of today's Mound Street and McLean.



Minnesota Historical Society

Hester Nutt McLean, circa 1850.

Her death at age 87 was noted in the *St. Paul Globe*. It said that she was "a devoted, zealous, and consistent member of the Methodist Church" and that she and her husband "occupied a central and observed place in social life, relinquished a few years ago." Recently, the paper continued, "she enjoyed reasonably good health and was possessed of all her mental faculties. Latterly she has been afflicted with blindness and finally succumbed to old age... from her late residence on Dayton's Bluff."

Speaking of streets honoring women, there was an additional trio of neighborhood avenues that once bore female names. Lizzie was the original name of a two block long stretch that is now named Urban Place. I haven't been able to discern who that might have been.

Hazel Street was on the early maps, but it was changed to Fremont in 1872, honoring John C. Fremont, an explorer, soldier, and an anti-slavery activist who was the first Republican candidate for president in 1856.

Then there was Pearl Street, once a popular name for females. It went away in 1872, but at least was replaced by Margaret, a word said to be derived from the Latin word for Pearl.

How come there are so few women's names on our streets and parks? Just asking. Maybe someone interested in women's history might start a petition to return the erased women's names to some of our community roads, or at least have some of those dual name white signs underneath the primary ones that are on some city streets. Just thinking...

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1938 Ice Palace is found

Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

The 1986 Winter Carnival Ice Palace in Phalen Park was not the first one on the East Side. That honor goes to one built in 1938 here in Dayton's Bluff. An obvious question is: Where in Dayton's Bluff? The Winter Carnival website doesn't give an exact location.

Mounds Park would seem a logical location and several references do place it there. A number of people who saw the Ice Palace as children agree and remember exactly where it was located – in front of the pavilion on Earl St. or maybe down by the tennis courts. However, comparing the background buildings visible in postcards of the Ice Palace with the area surrounding Mounds Park ruled it out.

Other references say the Ice Palace was located in Mounds Park Playground while neighborhood lore places it in the Bluff Playground. There was a playground known by many names over the years – Tuxedo, Mounds, Mounds Park, Dayton's Bluff, Bluff Recreation Center or simply Bluff Playground. It was located between Euclid and Wilson south of Maria Ave. Articles in the major newspapers of the time put the Ice Palace in that general area but never mentioned the playground. Unfortunately the playground and surrounding area changed extensively in the years after 1938 and the playground disappeared completely when I-94 cut through Dayton's Bluff in the 1960s.

John Davidsen, a longtime resident

who played football and baseball at the Bluff Playground in the 1950s, saw an Ice Palace postcard printed in the *Forum* and recognized the houses in the background as being on Plum St. about a block from the playground. Those houses are still there on the south side of I-94. Our own historian Steve Trimble found a postcard message that stated the Ice Palace was two blocks from 670 Short Street, which also implied it wasn't in the playground but closer to Plum.

Finally an article in the January 26, 1938 *St. Paul Daily News* was discovered that pinpointed the Ice Palace location at the intersection of Plum St. and Mounds Blvd., not in the playground proper. The 1938 Ice Palace was built on empty land near the playground. It was oriented with its back side on Plum, facing towards the northwest. Although most of the area occupied by the large ice rink in front of the Ice Palace is gone, the spot where the actual Ice Palace stood remains.

The city of St. Paul has been gradually enlarging Mounds Park since the 1950s and in a quirk of fate, a few years ago it bought what remained of the land where the 1938 Ice Palace was built and annexed it to the park. Therefore, it can now be said that the 1938 Ice Palace was in Mounds Park, but not the Mounds Park that existed in 1938. Maybe we should place a historical marker or monument in that spot so the Ice Palace won't get lost again.

For those who are wondering, the postcard display of the 1938 Ice Palace that I entered in this year's State Fair Creative Activities competition won a blue ribbon in the Minnesota postcard category.

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Greg Cosimini

1938 Saint Paul Winter Carnival Ice Palace and map.



Where in Dayton's Bluff? Email editor@daytonsbuff.org with the location of this neighborhood curiosity for a chance to win some great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the November Forum.



Have *Forum*, will travel... Alfred Johnston paid a visit to the Archive of the Indies in Sevilla, Spain, along with his favorite newspaper, of course.

Several readers sent us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you'd like to do the same, please email photos to editor@daytonsbuff.org.



Greg Cosimini

Aliens at the Fair! Gregory Kelly's rendition of Swede Hollow Cafe was displayed at the Ramberg Senior Center throughout the duration of the 2016 Minnesota State Fair. Mr. Kelly explains that when he moved from California to Minnesota to marry his wife, Dana, a Minnesota native, he fell in love with the Swede Hollow Cafe. No longer an "alien" himself, Kelly explains that Swede Hollow Cafe "is a very special and heartwarming place for us, and aliens also!"

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East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble ate at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 59 may now be found online at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbuff@gmail.com.

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Tracy is our neighborhood mail carrier, who always has a smile for everyone on her route – well, almost everyone. I had told her of the Taste Trek and she said that she's always wanted to go to The Strip Club, but didn't have the budget for it. So I told her I'd take her there for a Christmas gift.

It is often quite busy, so I made reservations for 5:00 p.m. We met there there five minutes early and had to stand outside a bit before they opened the doors.

We were ushered to a table for two located by a fake fireplace and under the upper floor area. There were eight tables of various sizes on the first floor.

The décor is a black and white color scheme. Black woodwork, black tables and chairs, black pillars, and white walls that have a few red decorations and some



Steve Trimble

Tracy, our friendly neighborhood mail carrier, enjoying a well-deserved Taste Trek outing.

mirrors. The lighting was dim.

Here's some of what was on the menu: Starters of Soup Du Jour, bread and butter, and two salads. What they call the "small plates" or "nibblers" include Meat On a Stick, crispy fried veggies, fresh fruit, kimchee, Prairie Portage Poutine which features french fries with Perigueux gravy and "The Devil's Eggs" made with chile oil and curry. Sandwiches include hamburgers and hot schnitzel, which is breaded pork. Then there are the featured meats

(a bit spendy) such as grilled filet mignon, a house-smoked pork chop, and duck breast. There are several choices of sides and sauces. To accompany these there is a full bar with many choices of beer, wine, and liquors.

There is a special brunch on weekends with a menu that includes Beer Tartare, Pork Carnitas, Benedict English muffin, Italian Breakfast consisting of bacon, sausage, sourdough, spinach, Arrabiatta, two eggs, Bucatini shrimp, and scrambled eggs with heirloom tomato, lemon and basil. There is also Steak and Eggs with grilled grass-fed hanger steak, two eggs, hash browns, and béarnaise sauce.

I had the regular hamburger with tomato and onions. Tracy went with the "Chef's Loaded Hamburger" which had bacon, chese, onion, and mushrooms. According to the menu, it's the chef's favorite. Both of our burgers came with a little metal container filled with upright French fries. I had a Midwesterner Pale Ale Michigan Beer. My companion said hers was the best burger she ever had and loved our server Samantha proclaiming "Samantha is the Bomb." I assume that is a positive statement.

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