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"The Voice of the Community"

Goats invade Dayton's Bluff

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The battle against buckthorn and other invasive plants has been fought by humans for years with only partial success. Finally we are getting help from another species that inhabits this planet with us – goats.

The plan was to deploy 30 goats in Indian Mounds Regional Park on May 1. But this being Minnesota, it was cold and snowy that day so their deployment was delayed until May 2nd when the weather was more spring like. The goats, provided by Goat Dispatch of Faribault, marched out of their trailer and went right to work munching on buckthorn because goats love buckthorn. Who knew?

Their temporary new home is a gigantic fenced-in area on the bluffs located near the picnic area, east of the pavilion. There are actually two metal fences, the inner one being electrified to keep the goats in and humans out. The wedge-shaped area extends all the way down towards Warner Road.

All went well for a few days until four humans with less sense than a barnyard animal decided to release the goats and take one hostage. Their intentions were not known but it didn't matter because the St. Paul police captured them almost immediately after a brief high-speed chase through Day-

ton's Bluff. Gordy the goat was rescued seemingly none the worse for his adventure. However he was taken back to the farm for a little rest and recreation. His owners decided Gordy may not be cut out for urban life and will send him instead to a more rural setting, possibly near Rochester. The rest of the goats didn't wander far and were returned to their enclosure.

The length of the goats' stay depends on how quickly they clear the area of invasive plants. After two weeks, there was still plenty of buckthorn remaining so it appears they will be around at least until the end of May and possibly well into June. After project managers evaluate their success, the goats could return later this year or next.

Despite the abundance of wildlife in the Mounds Park area including bald eagles, hawks, deer, and a variety of other varmints, the goats instantly became a major attraction. They often come to the top of the bluff for water and to pose for photos. Hint: try to stay upwind from them. They are checked and tended to several times a day while the police, city employees and interested citizens patrol the area to make sure all is well.

The goat project is a joint undertaking of the City of St. Paul, St. Paul Parks and Recreation, and the Great River Passage. Funding is provided by the Department of Natural Resources - Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, part of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund.

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Aside from adding a significant "Awww!" factor to Dayton's Bluff, these goats are in the neighborhood for both business and pleasure – their business being eradicating invasive buckthorn in Indian Mounds Park. The pleasure of eating it is all theirs.

Art in the Hollow

Karin DuPaul
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The 8th Annual Art in the Hollow is coming to Swede Hollow Park on **Saturday, June 3!** Join the Friends of Swede Hollow for a day filled with visual artists, sculptors, and musical performers. The park opens at **10:00 a.m.** with a mariachi band. Arrive early to be a part of the procession into the festival.

There will be four food trucks at the intersection of Drewry Lane and Beaumont Street. Parking is at Hope Community Academy (720 Payne Avenue).

There will be dozens of artists set up

along the walking path that wraps around the park. There will be music and entertainment all day on the Swede Hollow Stage, and the chance to talk with historians about the origin of the Swede Hollow immigrant community.

This year inaugurates a spoken word event with scheduled performers and open-stage time slots in the south tunnel, entrance at 7th Street and Payne Avenue. The event is family, children, and pet-friendly. It is not too late to register as a sculptor, artist, or entertainer. Call Karin DuPaul at 651-766-0550 or go to artinthehollow.org for more information. Hope to see you down in the Hollow on **June 3**. And mark your calendars – next year's Art in the Hollow will be on **June 2, 2018**.

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Another successful Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour is history!

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Hundreds of people toured seven homes in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood April 29 and 30. Visitors included Dayton's Bluff residents as well as people from all over the metro area and beyond. Many visitors come back to Dayton's Bluff year after year to see the neighborhood's charming homes and visit with our wonderful residents.

This year, the tour featured a variety of house sizes and styles. Visitors admired beautiful woodwork, large-scale home restorations, and beautiful new kitchens, among other new and period features. Many people are already looking forward to next year's tour.

At the end of the tour, an "After the Home Tour" party for owners of homes on the tour and home tour neighborhood ambassadors (volunteers) was held at

Saint John's Lutheran Church. There was good conversation and food donated by local East Side establishments. Over 30 neighborhood ambassadors helped make the tour run smoothly; thanks go out to those volunteers – some who help every year – and to the home owners who opened their homes for the tour. A special thank you to the Stutzman Group of Dayton's Bluff for letting us use their conference room for the "before the home tour meeting" and Saint John's Lutheran Church for hosting the after party. We also want to say thanks for the delicious food donated by Yarusso Brothers, Obb's Sports Bar and Grill, Culver's, Ward 6, Mississippi Market, and Cub Foods. And thanks to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council for participating in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour each year.

Now the search picks up again for homes for the 2018 home tour and for more home tour neighborhood ambassadors. If you are interested in having your home on the tour, know about a house that should be on the home tour, or want to become a home tour neighborhood ambassador, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550. See you in 2018!



Karin DuPaul

Home tour neighborhood ambassadors Brad and Karen Griffith welcomed visitors as they come into the house located at 700 East Third Street, and checked them in on their official Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour passport.

Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

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, June 10**. 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, June 7, 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, June 6, 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 Saint Paul 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, June 21, 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.

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.**



Friday June 2, and Saturday, June 3: Anxiety! The Musical. Anxiety! is a comedy musical about one woman's struggles with the ever-present depression and social anxiety one-two punch. In the heart of the city, we meet Sandy who is always accompanied by a pesky Anxiety, who is content to control Sandy's every waking moment. Set to an original score of upbeat toe-tapping show tunes, we watch how Sandy's job, relationships, and solitude are colored by Anxiety's presence. Showtimes **7:30 p.m.** Tickets: \$10 online or \$17/\$15 at the door.

Saturday, June 10: 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! Tickets available at the door and online: VIP table seat (includes one complimentary concession item) -\$20; Adult -\$10; Children - \$6; Family 4 pack - \$30.

Saturday, June 17: Miss Star Mission Fashion and Musical Variety Show. This show will raise funds to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's life-saving mission of finding cures for children battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Event begins at **2:00 p.m.** Donation of \$15 per person.

Tuesday, June 20: Faith to the Nations presents Free Community Dinner. Faith to the Nations will be sharing their vision and mission by creating a dialogue-type survey of the needs of the neighborhood. This is a family-friendly event. Join and share the heart of Dayton's Bluff. Free, starts at **6:30 p.m.**

Saturday, June 24, and Sunday June 25: Clean Up Days 2017. The Mounds Theatre is a big building and volunteer staff could use help getting to all the random jobs that pile up during the year. Over the weekend, we'll fix things and sort things and clean things. Wear clothes that can get dirty and stay as long as you are able. FREE!

Visit moundstheatre.org for more information 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.

June at the Dayton's Bluff Library

The following events will be held at the Dayton's Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul:

English Conversation Circles will take place on **Thursday** evenings in June, **from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Saturdays in June, from noon to 2:00 p.m.: *Maker Space in the Fun-ZONE!* Play computer games like Minecraft, and enjoy other hands-on fun in the Zone.

Saturday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m., the

Dayton's Bluff Library will host *Juggling!* Jason Huneke's Juggling Show.

Wednesday, June 21, at 3:00 p.m., learn about snakes with *Snake Discovery*.

Wednesday, June 28, at 3:00 p.m., perfect your magic tricks with *Magical Mia*.

Friday, June 16, 23, 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., join the Dayton's Bluff Library for free summer movies! Movies are shown in the library's Community Room. Check www.sppl/summer for movie schedule.

Just for teens: This year's *Summer Spark* invites teens to read their choice of books (a list of possible titles is available), rate them, and earn entries in a drawing to win a Nintendo Switch and three games! This teen-exclusive prize will be awarded at the end of the summer.

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

June at the East Side Freedom Library

Thursday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m., Sing Harmony, Hungry Hearts! Gather together to use your voice to sing your truth and welcome others at the East Side Freedom Library's (ESFL) monthly song circle. This is not a performance and no vocal training or song knowledge is required. Come to sing with your neighbors!

Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m., the ESFL invites you to enjoy a free screening of the film *A Brief Vacation*, a 1973 dramatic film based on the premise that "sickness is the vacation of the poor."

Clara, a factory worker, collapses with a lung disease which lands her in a sanatorium in the mountains where she rediscovers herself. This event is free and co-sponsored by AFSCME Local 3800 and the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation.

Special treat: After the film and discussion, Ward 6 (858 Payne Avenue) invites you to enjoy happy hour pricing on drinks (\$4 for draft beers, selected wines, and rail drinks) in the great tradition of labor fellowship and solidarity.

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 as they become available.

Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Classes last eight weeks and include 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.

East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: You Don't have to be a Celebrity to Find Interesting Ancestors

Thursday, June 8, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul, East Side Elders presents *Elder Cafe: You Don't Have to be a Celebrity to find interesting Ancestors*.

Join the East Side Elders as Certified Genealogist, Jay Fronkert, takes you through a five-step plan to get started on creating a family tree while enjoying a nourishing meal and engaging conversation.

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. This event is presented in partnership between East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton's Bluff.

Ramsey County hiring lifeguards

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is now hiring lifeguards (ages 16 and older) for the 2017 summer beach season. Lifeguards start at \$12.22 per hour. Spend your summer enjoying the beach and sun! To apply, fill out a brief interest form at ramseycounty.us/lifeguard.

Be a tourist in your own city

Take a free Saint Paul walking tour from Landmark Center

Beginning **June 14**, and continuing through September, Landmark Center guides will lead three different walking tours of Saint Paul. Tours are free and operate on a rotating schedule, **Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.**

The second Wednesday of each month, beginning **June 14**, the Rice Park tour departs from Landmark Center's Visitor Information Desk. The tour circles one of Saint Paul's most iconic parks, and stops in the surrounding buildings which give the park its central role in city events and celebrations.

On the **third Wednesday of each month, beginning June 21**, the Heart of the City tour departs from inside Landmark Center's North Lobby (6th Street entrance). This tour travels down St. Peter Street, pointing out some of the most famous landmarks and influential buildings in St. Paul's history, including the Hamm Building and Mickey's Diner.

Finally, the Great River tour begins at Upper Landing Park (Shepard Road and Eagle Parkway) and walks along the mighty Mississippi. It highlights buildings and locations that helped make Saint Paul the city it is today. This tour runs the **fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning June 28**.

All tours are FREE, operate June through September, and begin at **10:00 a.m.** Space is limited. Reservations are required and open on a rolling basis, four weeks prior to each tour date. For more information or to make a reservation please call 651-292-3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org/visit/walking-tours.html.

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 multicultural, intergenerational neighborhood congregation located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. Sunday worship begins at **10:30 a.m. On Sunday, June 25**, we'll welcome our new pastor, Rev. Jay Jeong and his family. Rev. Jeong comes to St. Paul after serving as pastor in Lambert, Walnut Grove, and Sanborn, Minnesota. He has also served urban parishes in Seoul, South Korea. All are welcome to come and celebrate this new beginning!

Week of June 12-17: *Urban CROSS* will be in action. If you need help with a project around your home including: scraping and painting, simple repairs, demolition, yard work, and landscaping; please be sure to call the church or check the website to submit an application for a project. Urban CROSS will be sending volunteers into the community from **June 12-16, 2017**.

Registrations are due – please call the church at 651-774-8736 today! If you know of a youth who would like to attend Urban CROSS and help serve the community, please call the church office soon.

Wednesday, June 14: *Festival of Nations, a community-wide celebration* to which all are invited will take place at Indian Mounds Regional Park at the main shelter house.

At this event, all of the various nations living side by side in Dayton's Bluff will be celebrated, including: Hmong, Karen, Latino, Native American, Korean, various African nations, African-American, Chinese, and many more. Dinner will be served to all **starting at 6:00 p.m.** Among the foods served will be La Puerta Abierta's famous tacos. Afterward, there will be a program featuring singing, dancing, and cultural presentations from the various nations that make up the Dayton's Bluff Community.

All are invited to this free event! Come and share this special cross-cultural celebration with your neighbors!

Wednesday, June 28: Beginning at **noon**, *Community Friendship gathering with hot lunch*. Enjoy a hot lunch of chicken cordon bleu with optional caramel pecan sauce, green beans and new potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert. Following the meal, Janet Egge and Merille Kemp will play the piano, violin, and sing together. This is a community gathering – ALL are invited to come; the focus is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

Library puppet show takes it outside

Emily Ganzel
Dayton's Bluff Library

On **Wednesday, June 14, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**, the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library and Metropolitan State University are co-hosting *Puppet Palooza* – a free, outdoor family party, complete with snacks, face-painting, puppet-making, outdoor games, a hula hoop contest (!) and a live puppet show from the Open Eye Figure Theatre's Driveway Tour!

The festivities start at **6:00 p.m.** near the labyrinth on the west side of the Metropolitan State University Library. At **7:00 p.m.**, the curtain will rise on the Open Eye Figure Theatre's-

s outdoor puppet production of *Molly and the Magic Boot*, a story of magic and imagination – perfect for the whole family!

Dayton's Bluff library is located at 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul. In the event of rain, the show (and the party) must go on! And it will move to a room inside the library. For more information, visit sppl.org.

The Dayton's Bluff library is one of 12 neighborhood branches of the Saint Paul Public Library, which also includes the George Latimer Central Library and the Bookmobile. The Saint Paul Public Library connects people in Saint Paul with the imperative and the joy of learning through a lifetime. Saint Paul residents can enjoy free access to technology, books, movies, music, classes, and more. Visit us in the neighborhood or online at sppl.org.

Financial Peace University coming to Dayton's Bluff

Jennifer Priebe
Special to the Forum

Looking for encouragement, hope, and change in your financial situation with other like-minded individuals? My name is Jennifer Priebe, and I'm a fellow Dayton's Bluff resident. Please join me as I facilitate a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class in Dayton's Bluff.

The program was founded by Dave Ramsey, a New York Times best-selling author and financial adviser. It has helped millions of people worldwide to understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set

things right financially, emotionally, and spiritually. The average family pays off \$5,300.00 in debt and saves \$2,700.00 within the first 90 days.

Dave Ramsey and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and much more.

Classes meet for nine weeks starting in July and are led by Jennifer Priebe, a Dayton's Bluff resident. One Financial Peace University membership per family is all you need to get started in this class.

For more information, please go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu. If you are interested in joining my class, please contact me at prie0030@hotmail.com.

Minnesota's second season

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There's an old saying that "There are two seasons in Minnesota, winter and road construction." Well, now that the winter of 2016-2017 has gone with barely a whimper, it is definitely road construction season. This summer it seems like everywhere you turn in Dayton's Bluff, or at least try to turn before being stopped by another detour sign, there is construction happening.

This abundance of construction and the closures and detours that it brings aren't limited to our streets and motor vehicles. Some key bike and pedestrian paths in and around our neighborhood are also closed this summer.

The *Forum* has compiled a list of some of the major bike/pedestrian closures and talked to the St. Paul Parks Department about the status of these closures. Here's what we found out.

Fish Hatchery Trail between Warner Road and Battle Creek Park. This trail has been closed since early fall of 2016. The problem is trail erosion near where the trail meets Highway 61. This problem has been ongoing for many years with the city crews rebuilding the trail only to have it washed out again by storm run-off from the highway.

According to the Clare Cloyd, Public Information Officer for the St. Paul Parks and Rec Department, the trail will not reopen this summer. Cloyd writes to the *Forum* that "Initial repair work with regards to stormwater runoff across the trail and culvert repair will begin late spring 2017, but further geotechnical evaluation is still needed before a full repair can take place. The trail is not expected to reopen during summer 2017. A

geotechnical evaluation is currently underway and further updates will be available upon its completion."

As a detour, the Parks Department suggests the following route which can be viewed at stpaul.gov/news/fish-hatchery-trail-closure-alert.

Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and the Bruce Vento trail head under Third Street Bridge. There is ongoing construction on the Phalen Creek storm sewer tunnel that runs underground to the Mississippi River. The project's time line according to the St. Paul Public Works is as follows: It is anticipated that the phase 1 Phalen Storm Tunnel Rehab project will be completed in July. The temporary paved trails around the work site are planned to remain in place for phases 2 and 3 (ending in the spring of 2019).

The Phase 2 Phalen Rehab project is planned to begin soon after on September 23, 2017, and be completed in the spring of 2018.

The project required the closure of the Nature Sanctuary's parking lot but the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary is still open with parking along Commercial Street directly under the 3rd Street bridge. The trail head for the Bruce Vento Trail is also still open, though it's a bit hidden behind the fenced in construction site.

The Maple Street Pedestrian/Bike Bridge over 94. As part of the Minnesota Highway Department's major Interstate 94 work, the Maple Street pedestrian bridge has undergone some maintenance work requiring the closure of the bridge for a few weeks this spring. The bridge reopened in the middle of May, but construction seems to be ongoing with construction materials still on the bridge and detour/closure signs still waiting near both ends of the bridge.

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The trail near Fish Hatchery Road is closed due to substantial erosion.



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Temporary signs informing pedestrians and bikers that the Maple Street Bridge crossing Interstate 94 is closed.

View from my porch – the Cambric

*Sage Holben
Forum Staff*

Since early 2014, residents living in the area surrounding what is now the Cambric senior housing at 720 East 7th Street, have wrestled with the Dominion presence. Issues addressed at that time included the mass and height of the building in relationship to the historic neighborhood; the installation of a privacy fence between 6th Street neighbors and the Cambric (finally installed last month); the installation of traffic lights for safe pedestrian crossing (still waiting, still dodging traffic near-misses); garbage trucks and Mississippi Market semi-trucks making deliveries, entering, exiting, and echoing between residential homes and the Cambric; parking lot lighting - height and brightness (one neighbor's interior is still "bright as daylight" even into the wee hours).

Other questions had to do with potential tenant issues, which have since become reality: evening and weekend on-site staff unavailable to address safety and quality of life concerns; since seniors, at age 55 (the minimum age to sign a Cambric lease) often have young children or grandchildren, what would prevent young children from living or becoming long-term 'guests' and the ensuing potential of disturbing older seniors whose intent was to live a life of quiet and peace?

Though tossed off at the earlier meeting, this potential has become a problem. Reports of children running and jumping in the halls or in the apartment above. Whether living off-lease with the senior relative/caretaker/sitter, or staying for long periods of time, the exuberance of young children interferes with another's expected peace - especially disturbing when they are paying out around \$1,000 a month in rent and fees. Child vitality cannot and should not be totally curbed, but neither should it infringe on the rights of paying tenants who signed a lease promising quality living and respectful if not peaceful surroundings in their later years.

And, hey! What is it with the robed 'preacher' on the weekends? Is this fervent religious gathering something HUD (Housing and Urban Development) provides?

Residents were notified that if an emergency occurs, they should call the appropriate staff at home. However, if it was not a true emergency, the resident could be liable for a fine. I wonder how the Cambric defines an emergency? The same situation could be quite different for a healthy 55 year old with a spouse than for a fairly healthy 80 year old who has limited reach, uses a walker, and lives alone. Along that line, my cynicism pictures seniors with walkers trying to make their way quickly and safely down the long hallway to the stairway in case of fire (elevators close down when the alarm sounds). I hope the walkers have smooth-working wheels because there is nothing but carpeting in the hall...no tiled 'sidelanes'.

Cambric residents are told they need to be responsible for their community; that they should call police if there is a behavioral problem, crime, or

disturbance...or notify the cleaning crew (really!?)

As in most community situations, it is recommended that residents take a neighbor to neighbor approach when problems occur...talk with each other to resolve problems. However, like many neighborhoods, neighbors sometimes take offense at being faulted for bad decisions or poor behavior. It is no different at the Cambric...and then the angry neighbor yells in your face or shows up at your door, telling you to mind your own business about his/her dog poop left in the hall, or the neighbor's friend who was pounding and screaming at the outside door to be let in at 1:00 a.m. ...all beneath your window last night.

Yes, it is its own little community...except it is 113 units concentrated into its own three floors on half a block - not all mature seniors, but families of all ages and dynamics.

Some residents are just fine with things as they are. Others have expressed a sense that their concerns have been brushed off or minimized. Perhaps that's what makes it all the more frustrating when residents find their cars broken into while parked in a 'secure' parking garage, or the garage rent went from \$50 to \$75 dollars within their first month of residency, or the rent raised in the first year, months before their leases are up (yes, because it is a HUD building, it can be done).

Some residents, I hear, are looking elsewhere, or have moved. Apparently, what they were promised is not what they got. Dominion received HUD and city benefits - residents got the shaft.

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AT&T and Comcast want to deregulate phone service: Be afraid, be very afraid

*Sen. Erik Simonson and Rep. Sheldon Johnson
Special to the Forum*

AT&T, Comcast, and the Minnesota Cable Communications Association are coming for your consumer rights as local phone customers. Be afraid. Be very afraid - especially if you live in Greater Minnesota.

These companies are asking the Minnesota Legislature to completely deregulate local phone service if it is provided by a new technology - Voice-over-Internet Protocol (or VoIP). They claim they shouldn't have to follow any rules at all because they're providing phone service using this more modern technology.

But don't let them or the word "Internet" fool you. You don't even need an Internet connection for calls to travel over VoIP technology. Basically, VoIP is just a method of getting calls from one place to another. To the consumer, the phone call is the same if it travels by VoIP, copper, fiber, carrier pigeon, or two tin cans and a string.

And if you are a consumer, you couldn't care less how the call gets to its destination. But you do care that calls to 911, your doctor, your families, and your friends are reliably completed. You care if the company drags its feet on installing your new phone or if you have service problems and the company doesn't fix them. You care if you go on vacation and perhaps the bill is late, you'll still have a phone when you get home. And you care if you get bogus charges on your bill, you have recourse if the company refuses to refund them.

But if AT&T, Comcast and the other cable companies get their way this year at the Legislature, all those basic protections will vanish in a heartbeat. Immediately, consumers whose telephone company sends your calls in whole or in part using VoIP technology will lose those protections.

It would be disastrous for consumers if this bill became law, especially for those who live in Greater Minnesota, where the local phone company is the only reliable provider they have.

First, under the bill there will no longer be a right

to have phone service. It is expensive and unprofitable to serve rural customers and maintain infrastructure. Companies will invest their money in densely populated, more profitable urban areas and disinvest in maintenance of the network in rural, more expensive-to-serve, less profitable areas--Rural consumers will experience worsening service quality and more outages as the system is allowed to deteriorate and resources are moved elsewhere. Customers will not get their phones fixed in a timely manner and will have no recourse to lodge a complaint with PUC oversight eliminated. And we all know that cell service is spotty in Greater Minnesota. What happens when the only choice you have is a cell phone that may not be able to pinpoint your position when 911 calls are made?

Second, the protections against charging exorbitant connection or reconnection charges would be gone. If the bill becomes law, phone companies can shut you off for no reason--even if you always pay their bill on time or without notice if you are late. Companies can shut off customers simply because they are too expensive to serve and not sufficiently profitable. Who are these customers? They are older Minnesotans, people with disabilities, people on fixed incomes, and people who live in Greater Minnesota.

Third, AT&T and Comcast tell legislators that deregulation will produce more competition, lower prices, better service, more jobs, and Broadband for everyone. Beware of would-be deregulated telecommunications companies bearing "gifts."

Every part of their rationale is wrong. Taking away consumer protections won't result in lowering the price of your existing telecommunications services; while customer service can only improve, decades of poor service won't change because consumers lost their rights; the promise of more jobs is baseless since everywhere they've deregulated they've ended up cutting thousands of jobs; and finally, phone companies are threatening that they won't expand broadband, even with generous government support, unless we deregulate and strip consumers of protections.

Completely deregulating these providers and stripping consumers of all their protections will not result in more broadband deployment in Greater Minnesota. The sad fact is that it's just not profitable to deploy all that infrastructure in sparsely populated areas. There isn't a single legislator who represents Rural Minnesota communities and citizens who should be supporting this bill.

Broadband is already deregulated - and there has been no investment. The Legislature has ponied up \$50 million over the last two years (and more is proposed this session) to give to our cities to bring Broadband to Greater Minnesota. If there was money to be made private sector money would be flowing. How exactly will taking away all your protections spur massive investment in Broadband anywhere, especially in the rural parts of our state?

Want a glimpse of a deregulated future, with no Public Utilities Commission power to help consumers when they need it? In California, service has deteriorated and there are questions about whether people can reliably reach 911. A 2015 report to the National Regulatory Research Institute alarmingly revealed that, after deregulation, 11 states were dealing with problems of service outages and emergency service problems.



What is certain if this bill becomes law is that all your consumer rights and protections as a local phone customer will be in jeopardy. Phone, internet and cable companies won't have to serve you if they don't want to. They can charge a Greater Minnesota customer more than they charge Metro customer. Especially hurt will be those who just need a phone at an affordable price that works - like older Minnesotans (85% of whom still have the good old phone) and those of us who live in rural Minnesota. Unless P.T. Barnum was right, the Legislature should not be fooled by empty and typically broken promises, and should reject the AT&T/Comcast phone deregulation bill. And if AT&T and Comcast manage to push it past the Legislature, the Governor must veto it.

Job interview for our next mayor

Jane Prince
Ward 7 City Council

As your city council representative, I am focused on our community's and our city's future. And no more important decision is before us than selecting our next mayor. In Saint Paul, the mayor is the chief executive officer who sets the city's priorities for public safety, economic development, parks and libraries, and public works infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, and sewers). In short, the mayor plays a major role in how our neighborhoods are going to look, feel, and function.

If you care about the East Side as much I do, electing the right mayor is critical to our neighborhoods' quality of life. And we have several very good candidates for mayor – experienced, thoughtful, intelligent, and accessible – who are hoping to earn your support to put them in the mayor's office.

Which candidate I support will be determined by whom I think can best meet the challenges our city faces now. Based on my work with all of you, I have put together a few "interview questions."

How well do you know our neighborhood? The

East Side comprises about one third of the city, including lots of open space and the Mississippi River. We are extremely diverse, both in terms of the ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds of our people. Since our city's founding, the East Side has been home to lots of new immigrants as they get their first foothold here. Lots of them, including Italians, Germans, Hmong, Mexicans, and East Africans have liked it here and made it home.

How can you turn our problems into opportunities? Unemployment and underemployment contribute to growing poverty in our community. We need living wage jobs and more stable and affordable housing. At the same time, we have lots of good and large sites for the development of light industry and commercial buildings and all types of housing. We even have a couple of so-called "tiny house" developments underway on the East Side.

What are your plans for kids? Owing to the closing of several recreation centers on the East Side over the past 10 years, there aren't nearly enough safe places for kids – especially tweens and teens – to connect with caring adults. At the same time, there are dozens of East Side community partners from Merrick Community Services, to Darul Uloom Islamic Center, to Saint Paul Urban Tennis, and the Sanneh Foundation, to join forces with the next mayor to keep kids safe and help them succeed. A new mayor will do well to continue Mayor Chris Coleman's Right Track program, provid-

ing summer internships to kids from 14-18.

How are you going to pay for it? All of the candidates have great visions for our city, but make sure you ask how they are going to pay for them. The next mayor will face some real revenue challenges. As of this writing the Minnesota Legislature is likely to cut our local aid, and the Trump Administration in Washington plans to cut aid for housing and community development. In addition to that, as a result of a recent court case, the city has to come up with a new way to pay for street maintenance. If the next mayor is not a "budget wizard," he or she is going to need to hire one. A strong grasp of municipal finance as well as management and budget will be a huge plus for the new mayor.

These are just a few ideas for interview questions! But there are many more: How can you help us improve transit on the East side? What are your ideas for improving police and community relations? What about pedestrian safety? How can we help small businesses thrive and grow here? How can we keep our streets cleaner?

You are the boss of the people we elect! Reach out to candidates before the election and let them know what's important to you. Be prepared with questions when they reach out to you by phone or knock on your door. Good candidates love good questions! Make them earn your vote!

Jane Prince can be reached at ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Dr. Amy Gort named new provost at Metropolitan State University

Robert Boos
Metropolitan State University

Metropolitan State University has named Dr. Amy Gort as the new Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. She will start at Metropolitan State on Monday, July 3.

As provost, Gort will be responsible for providing vision and strategic direction for the university's development and delivery of academic programs and for leading the academic and student affairs division. She will also serve on the President's Executive Council and the President's Cabinet.

Gort has served as dean of Arts and Sciences at Augsburg University since 2009. She had previously served as dean of Arts and Sciences and professor of Biology at Concordia University, Saint Paul. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gort lives in Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Her passion for teaching was evident during her scientific training as she sought out opportunities as a teaching assistant, research mentor, and adjunct faculty member. She is experienced and well-versed in strategic enrollment planning, determining budgets for new academic programs, and prioritizing resources to encourage enrollment growth. She has developed collaborative relationships with local community colleges to strengthen articulation agreements and contribute to customized

transfer student curriculum plans.

"Our search for a provost and executive vice president was nationwide in scope and attracted a strong pool of applicants. During and after the finalists' campus visits, faculty, staff, and students generously shared their reflections on the candidates," President Virginia "Ginny" Arthur wrote in an announcement to the university community. "There was a clear consensus that Dr. Gort's outstanding academic experience, passion for student access and success, and affinity for our urban mission and communities make her an outstanding candidate for this critical role in our shared work."

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On Gratitude

*Rhonda Battisto
Special to the Forum*

One of the things I do to appreciate life more and heal more quickly is to keep a gratitude journal. In 2015, I purchased a beautiful journal to keep a record of all that I am grateful for. My enjoyment of this process has grown through the many months I've done it.

Each day, I write between three and 57 (or so) entries in my journal. Quality typically reigns over quantity, and the effects of thoughtful entries make a cumulative impact on my whole being! Consistent daily focus on gratitude is a powerful way to holistically self-heal while directing one's attention to parts of life that are good and great - which, by the way, energetically invites in more goodness and greatness! Identify-

ing and being grateful for the "silver linings" in every type of storm truly uplifts our spirits!

Waking each day with an intentional focus on gratitude, we create a foundation for the day to discover more of what we appreciate and love; open our hearts to life and its gifts, gaining clarity about what is truly important to us; start each day fresh, with a new and positive beginning. We may appreciate basic things such as breath, being alive, a warm bed, the sunrise, or a new day!

Adding entries to a gratitude journal before going to bed we feel calmer, more reflective, happier, and more fortunate; help to balance our mind, heart, and spirit; sleep better and wake more refreshed. We may notice and appreciate people, animals, or things that made today easier, better, happier, or more beautiful (such as laughter, fulfilling work, loyal friends, kindnesses shared, healing practices, or time in nature). Appreciating efforts we ourselves have made to make life better for ourselves and others is worthwhile, too!

East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat 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 editor@daytonsbuff.org.

Magnolia's Restaurant
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The building originally housed a White Castle. Some of the local old-timers remember getting hamburgers for five cents. The building was later enlarged and became the Radar Chef. It had a number of different owners until Dan Hanf took over in 1984, naming it after the street on which it sits. I headed there for breakfast with my next-door neighbor. We arrived a bit after 9:00 a.m. to experience the meal said to be one of the best. It is served throughout the day.

It's a classic old-style East Side spot that has an updated interior sporting several examples of Georgia O'Keeffe-style framed art. There are two areas – the front with eight booths, several tables, and one very long table. There is another section in the back with several more tables. The interior decor also includes several hanging baskets of plastic flowers in the full windows looking out on Payne Avenue. It was

pretty full at 9:30 a.m.

There are a lot of breakfast choices that include eggs, such as a "Western Breakfast" with two eggs on hash browns with cheddar cheese covering ham, onion, and green peppers. The "Lumberjack Breakfast" features hash browns with cheddar cheese topped with two sides of meat. There are also vegetarian omelets, and different home-made soups are available every day.

There are a lot of lunch and dinner entrees. Where's the beef? There are t-bones, petite sirloins, and a Magnolia burger. And sandwiches galore: Clubhouse, fish sandwich, hot turkey or beef sandwiches with "real mashed potatoes."

The Reuben comes with Magnolia's "special sauce." Kids can choose between macaroni and cheese, a grilled cheese sandwich, mini corn dogs, and Magnolia's chicken breast strips.

There are daily specials and featured meals of the month that come with free pie. Some desserts are cream pie, fruit pie, and cheesecake.

There is a thrifty eight-piece chicken meal for take-out that includes a pint of mashed potatoes, a pint of gravy, a pint of coleslaw, and four baking powder biscuits. Magnolia's also caters.

They have free WI-FI but I didn't use it and talked to people instead, including asking our server questions about the restaurant.

I had country-fried steak and eggs, one of my nostalgic-for-Emporia dishes. Instead of toast, a fresh muffin can be substituted, and on this day it was blueberry. My neighbor polished off an Italian breakfast with eggs and Italian sausage. Maybe I should have tried their chicken. After all, their slogan about it on the menu says: "If the Colonel had our recipe, he would have been a General."

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The many home-made pies featured at Magnolia's.



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East Side in the Saint Paul Almanac

Steve Trimble
Forum Historian

Rather than do my usual Dayton's Bluff history article, I wanted to write something about the general East Side heritage as seen in the recent publication of the eleventh issue of the *Saint Paul Almanac*. The *Almanac* is a collection of literature, history, poetry, photographs, and art work that focuses on our city. Here are recaps of the articles that deal with the East Side.

There is *Home*, (p. 14) from Ashley Lee, a 21 year old who was born and raised on the East Side, but is currently living in Oakdale. Her poem contains memories of Johnson High School and getting stung by a bee in her childhood house on Rose Street. This community organizer and actor looks at her mother's illness and dialysis treatment.

Alegeena and the East Side, by Sandy Ci Moua, (p.55). The writer remembers an elderly Italian woman in Railroad Island who befriended her, made cookies and sandwiches, and passed away on Beaumont Street. When she eats Italian salami sandwiches, Sandy always remembers Alegeena.

The *Almanac* accepted a piece that I wrote called *Minnesota's Helen Keller: The Story of Vera Gammon*, (p.60). It details the life of a deaf/blind woman and the life she lived mostly on Reaney Street. Since I wrote a long version of her story earlier in the Forum, you can read it in the newspaper's past issue collection online.

Rutherford Speaks, (p. 94) is from Sherry Roberts, a mystery writer. While pregnant, she often watched two eagles raise their eaglets on a cam the DNR set up on "an eagle's nest on the frozen bank of the Mississippi in Saint Paul." I think the nest is near Warner Road.

To Grandma Delores Suffering with Lewy Body Dementia, (p.128) was penned by Donna Isaac, a teacher and poet. "Remember the good times we had on Magnolia Avenue," she said. Donna often thought fondly of conversations with her Grandmother "which seemed to flow like yarn once flew between your knitting needles."

The Selfie, by Amanda Linder, (p. 158) muses about selfie deaths while watching a person with phone in hand waking on thin ice on Lake Phalen.

Chia Lor, an artist and racial justice organizer in the Battle Creek area, wrote *You Bring out the Hmong In Me*, (p.176). Here's a sample of the poem: "You bring out the Mekong to Mississippi, the refugee camps to the Twin Cities, the journey that shapes the Hmongness in me" and "you bring out the tribal, ancestral song of khwv txhiag, the mourn-

ful, mellow calling of the Qej instrumental, the ancient stories hidden in the weaving of red, green Paj Ntaub in me."

Walking through Swede Hollow on the Feast of Saint Brigid, (p.198) by Nell Morningstar Ubbelohde, who teaches writing to college students and those in prison. It is a longer creative non-fiction piece that deals with our local landmark. She is starting to walk on the Feast of St. Brigid, an Irish Celtic goddess. She tells a story of Swede Hollow with its natural springs and creek, "vegetable gardens and barn animals" that "supplemented incomes and fed the large, hungry families." She then writes, "I close my eyes and imagine children hauling water, wearing their hand-knit sweaters, cows and pigs huddling in the tiny pens attached to even the smallest homes." The author ends the essay with: "The land has returned to the oak, sumac, cottonwood, part time and cattails, and the tiny stream still finds its way through snow, ice, and history, flowing, as always, toward the future."

Little Myrtle, (p. 218) by Janice Quick, a historian who found a death notice saying that five year old Myrtle Lloyd died of diphtheria in her house on Burr Street in January, 1893, and was the first to be buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

"I looked for little Myrtle, but I didn't find her," Quick stated. "The one line I had found in the Forest Lawn register is the only evidence that she ever existed. I can't picture Myrtle's face. I never heard her voice or watched her play, but I think I remember her."

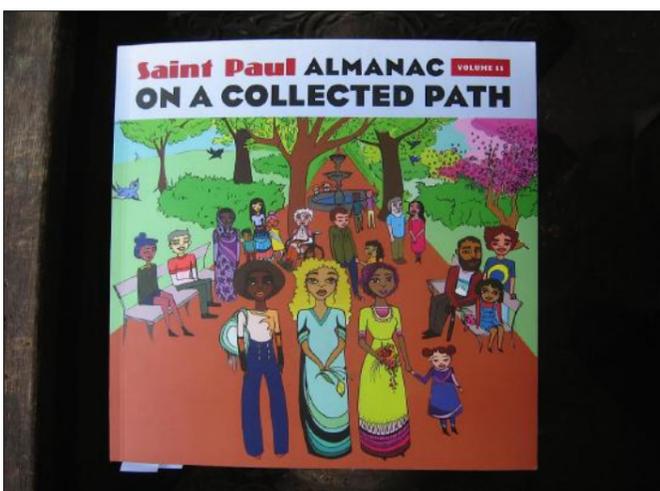
What a Life, (p. 228) Judith Treise, part-time designer and editor, centers on her post WW II Cape Cod on Fremont Avenue near White Bear Avenue.

With open fields they explored and were "free range children." One vivid memory was a time at the Karschina family skating rink in the back lot with spins and jump for the girls and hockey for boys.

In early March, they cried when the rink melted. "Within a few years, the lot was sold. "My tears that day in March were about more than a thawing rink. Somehow I was aware my childhood was ending." Now, her friends "were into make up, tight sweaters, and boys." She ends with "That rink and those fields in that lovely East Side neighborhood had created an internal spiritual compass I've never abandoned."

The new *Saint Paul Almanac* has a larger format with lots of room for great art work and photos. The *Almanac* makes a great gift for birthdays or holidays. You can buy it in bookstores, at many coffee houses, or on-line at saintpaulalmanac.org. It should be in libraries soon. It's well worth its \$19.95 price.

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The eleventh edition of the *Saint Paul Almanac*.

Remembering 3M in Dayton's Bluff

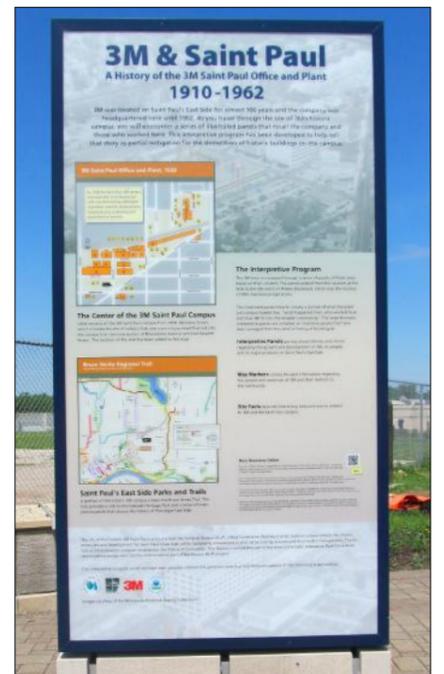
Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

The 3M Co., previously known as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, or just "The Mining" to old timers, set up shop in Dayton's Bluff in 1910 and stayed here for almost 100 years. Starting in 1962 it began moving to a new campus in Maplewood but some manufacturing remained here until 2009. Now the only trace of 3M is Building 21 which was recently leased to the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

But for people interested in reliving 3M's past glory or wishing to learn of its history in our neighborhood, an interpretive program was created on part of the old site. The program is actually a series of panels that cover the years 1910 to 1962. The panels come in three sizes: large interpretive panels that portray broad themes and stories, and the smaller way makers that focus on the people and resources of 3M and their relation to Dayton's Bluff, and site facts that describe facts and events related to the Saint Paul Campus.

The panels contain photos from the Minnesota Historical Society, graphics, text and a QR code that can be scanned with your smart phone to open an app that will provide additional information. The interpretive program was created with technical and financial support provided by the Saint Paul Port Authority, Historic Saint Paul, 3M and the US Environment Protection Agency.

A self-directed walking tour of the interpretive program should be started at what is called the Hub of Beacon Bluff, which is the name the Saint Paul Port Authority has given to the old 3M site. It is located at the intersection of East Seventh St. and Minnehaha Ave. Don't look for a beacon or a bluff because they don't exist but you will see signs and banners identifying the area



Greg Cosimini

A sign interpreting some of the history of the 3M Company on Saint Paul's East Side.

as Beacon Bluff. It is also the location of a sculpture garden.

Start your tour with the large panel titled "3M & Saint Paul, History of the 3M Saint Paul Office and Plant, 1910-1962." Head north from there along the area that used to be Mendota St. The 3M panels are on your left. They are mounted in various configurations. Continue down to the Archdiocese parking lot and turn right (east) on what used to be Bush Ave. The panels continue past the building all the way to the lot's entrance on Forest St.

On your return trip be sure to look at Building 21. It is an architectural marvel built in 1939 and was added to the National Registry of Historic Places in 2015. The rest of Beacon Bluff can be seen to the north and west of the parking lot, but as of now there is nothing to see but empty land. As you approach Seventh St. be sure to check out the various structures and plaques in the sculpture garden. These will be discussed in a future article.

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Two Dayton's Bluff residents become Bush Fellows

Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

Recently, a new group of Bush Fellows recipients was announced. These awards, given by the Bush Foundation, were given to 24 people to financially support them in efforts to improve their leadership abilities and ability to give back to their communities with further education and experiences.

Two of them live in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and were selected out of over 600 applicants. Here is what the Bush Foundation said about our neighbors: "Gene Gelgelu envisions a Minnesota where African immigrants play a major role in the economy. He wants African immigrants to build wealth and sustainability as they become more deeply engaged in the region.

An immigrant from Ethiopia, he understands the challenges of and opportunities for building full economic participation in a new country. Under

his leadership, African Economic Development Solutions has incubated numerous culturally specific businesses and launched Little Africa, a creative placemaking effort in the heart of Saint Paul.

With his Bush Fellowship, he will broaden his knowledge of regional economic policy, build a local and national network to lead more effectively."

Another recipient "Hsajune Dyan often reminds himself and his students that a thousand miles begins with a single step. A Burmese refugee, he has embraced determination and persistence in his own life and work with Saint Paul Public Schools.

He is a passionate advocate for English Language Learners, serving as a bridge between newcomers and the school system. He is equally passionate about the success of his small but growing Karen community in Minnesota.

With his Bush Fellowship, he will strengthen his leadership and planning skills and enhance his network to better help immigrants and refugees become well-educated, prosperous members of their new community. He will pursue an Ed.D. in education leadership at Bethel University."

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Have Forum, will travel...



Nancy Herther took the Forum with her to Washington DC, where the concierge at the Arlington,VA, Hyatt read it intently.

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@daytonsbluff.org.



Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Email editor@daytonsbluff.org with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured above 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 July Forum.

Congratulations to Joanne Miller, winner of the May contest with her correct guess of the location in the photo: Margaret Park.

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