The Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is just around the corner!

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

The annual Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dayton’s Bluff homes on the tour this year represent a wide variety of type, age, and style. 216 Bates Avenue was on the Dayton’s Bluff Victorian Home Tour last year and is in the process of turning into an amazing home. 689 Conway Street is a brilliant example of the neighborhood’s unembattled Victorian architecture that has been refurbished – Victorian high ceilings and many other original features remain intact! The stunning home at 737 East 5th Street has undergone extensive interior remodeling and renovation by its owner, and 1115 McLean Avenue is brand new. 995 Beech Street has a wonderful cheerful feel as you walk through the home. 1125 Burns Avenue has gorgeous old world features and a gourmet kitchen. 179 Urban Place is an incredible tiny house with a wonderful garden area and yard. 170 Maria Avenue will be on the tour again – originally home of one of the Hamm Brewing families and now home to Northwestern Alano.

Many people from all over the Metro area come to see the beautiful homes the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood has to offer each year. Some tour visitors like it so well that they have moved to Dayton’s Bluff.

Volunteers and neighborhood ambassadors are still needed to help with the tour. On Sunday evening, when the tour has ended, an “After the Home Tour Supper Party” will be held for the families whose homes are on the tour and all volunteers and neighborhood ambassadors. To get involved, email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

Call for artists: Be a part of Art in the Hollow

Benjamin Mason
Special to the Forum

Planning for the 9th annual Art in the Hollow festival is ramping up and now is a great time for East Side residents to get involved and set plans to attend on Saturday, June 2. Swede Hollow Park will welcome summer with art, music, poetry, and community. Since its beginnings, the festival has run on the enthusiasm and vision of neighbors volunteering their time, setting up shop or choosing to support local artists.

Art in the Hollow is uniquely accessible to new artists and East Side residents. In addition to being the only art festival exclusive to the East Side, there are no commission fees, no juried entry, and space is available for a mere $15 fee. Artists provide their own tables, chairs, tents, etc. Artists of every kind are welcome to participate, and visitors can expect to see paintings, sculpture, pottery, screen printing, soaps, foods, millinery, and a vast number of other specialty items for sale. Art in the Hollow is a good place to find neighbors selling craft work or photos alongside professionals who enjoy exhibiting in the unique environment of Swede Hollow Park.

This year’s festival will commence with live music, and performances will continue throughout the day. The main stage will feature a broad array of music and theater situated on the Swede Hollow Henge knoll in the heart of the park. For the second year, the festivities will extend all the way to the East 7th Street Improvement Aches, where poetry and music will be hosted by the TAP and anchor the southern entrance.

Visitors who tour the park during the festival will also notice sculptures peculiarly embedded along the trail. Local sculptors are welcome to feature their work by entering the sculpture competition (for a $15 entry fee), compete for fair-goer votes and to win a cash prize of up to $300. Some of the past year’s winners have demonstrated that art and nature can be in perfect union in Swede Hollow Park.

Art in the Hollow’s success is built upon volunteers who help staff the festival and numerous community partners who take part in sponsoring the event. Schools have been integral from the festival’s beginnings, selling student art and performing on stage. Volunteers work to build the festival in the morning and pack it up after the final act plays at night.

Getting involved in Art in the Hollow is a great way to be part of a fantastic community event. Space is still available for numerous artists, sculptors and performers to feature their artistry, and a need for volunteers to make it all happen. More information, including submission and sign-up forms are available on the website www.artinthehollow.org, contact karindupaul@comcast.net, or call 651-776-0550.

SAVE THE DATE: 32nd Annual City-Wide Cleanup!

Saturday, April 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pick up collection bags at Swede Hollow Park (at Margaret and Greenbrier Streets). Join your neighbors to welcome Spring as we gather across St. Paul to clean up trash that has become exposed due to the melting snow.

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Dayton's Bluфф Take-a-Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, Dayton's Bluфф 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, April 6, at 10:30 a.m. There 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 karindelpauli@comcast.net or call 612-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

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 Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that meetings are now on Thursdays. Email karin@swedehollow.org or call 612-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

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

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

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that carries affordable, healthy food directly into under-served neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hanson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Historic Mounds Theatre

Saturday, April 7: Pasties for Pasties is a fundraiser burlesque show presented by My Big Putt is Family. All proceeds will go to keeping families and their canine companions together. A ticket is needed to take place (and his name) to close the deal, all while his chief rivals look to undermine the company and his German investors try to make sense of it all. This production includes adult language, some suggestive humor, drug use and slapstick violence. Parental discretion is advised.

April at the East Side Freedom Library

Equal Means Equal: Screening and discussion, Monday, April 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

East Side Freedom Library offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Examining women's life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discrimina-
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April at the Dayton's Bluфф Library

The following events will be held at the Dayton’s Bluфф library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, in April, from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dayton’s Bluфф Library will offer Snack in the Zone, along with Homework Help in the Zone from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, April 7, 17, 21, and 28, from noon to 2:00 p.m., Make Space in the FunZONE! Play computer games like Minecraft, and enjoy other hand-som-fun on the Zone.

Wednesday, April 4, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., join the Dayton's Bluфф Book Club as they discuss their recent read, Meredith Walker, Meet the Author.

Tuesday, April 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Teens Know Best! Teens have exclusive access to books before they are published. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share opinions and pizza. Teens Know Best members are expected to write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted directly to the publishers to help guide their decisions. New members can register at the meet-
ing. Call 651-632-3873 for more information.

Check out board games at the library! Library visitors can play the games in the library or check them out for two weeks. The full list of games can be viewed at http://libraryGames and all are available to the public.

Saint Paul Public Libraries will be closed on Sunday, April 1, for the Easter holiday. Happy Spring!

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

Let your voice be heard!

Contact WEQY 1047 FM, St. Paul East Side's community reporter Cearah Hamilton at cearah@weqy.org. We want to hear your views or your stories. Do you have valuable resources you want to get out to the community, would like to cover your event, or interview your or-
ganization? Cearah Hamilton can be reached at cearah@weqy.org.

Wish List Care Packages

Did you know that you can help East Side Elders distribute food, hygienic items, and more to seniors on the East Side by starting building our Amazon Wish List? Visit www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3KK0O1OGFSN.J.

You can have these much-needed items sent right to our office. From there, our team of volunteers will dis-
tribute them to seniors in need. Help us make a bigger impact and shop our wish list today!

Our wish list also includes supplies for the Elder Cafe, items for our Fun and Games events, and some supplies. Thank you for your support!

The Smilin’ Cowboys

April 12, Thursday, long-standing Twin Cities party band The Smilin’ Cowboys, will perform at the Minnesota Music Cafe, located at 500 Payne Avenue. Music begins at 8:00 p.m. This evening’s performance will benefit the 2018 Art in the Hollow, an art festival held in Swede Hollow Park on June 2. Local legend Bill Patten will open up the show. The Smilin’ Cowboys will go on delta after.

The Smilin’ Cowboys will perform on the second Thursday of each month at the Minnesota Music Cafe.
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.

April: After school programming for area youth, sponsored by the McVoy Youth Partnership of Hamline University, is an after school program for community youth grades 5-12, held at Mounds Park UMC on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Students participate in environmental classes, Girl Scouts, field trips, and receive homework help and support in learning English. Contact Jane Krentz 612-581-6978 for more information.

Sundays: Multi-Generational Sunday School Class. Class meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge of the church. This class follows an adult curriculum and has a participant age range of 80 years! Youth start in worship at 10:30 a.m. Following kid’s time, children aged 0-4 years go to the staffed nursery, grades K-5 go to the upstairs Sunday School room, and children grades 6-12 go downstairs for classes. Breakfast is served during Sunday School. The nursery is staffed for those children aged 0-4 years who do not want to start in worship. Please call the church with any questions.

Saturday, March 31, 2:00 p.m: Community Easter Egg Hunt at Indian Mounds Regional Park. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come hunt for eggs and take part in other fun Easter activities.

Sunday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.: Easter Worship. Join as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection! Following Family Friendship Worship, all are invited to continue the celebration downstairs with Easter treats and conversation.

Need help with a project? Urban CROSS will have teams ready to help local residents and non-profits with projects such as indoor and outdoor painting, yard work, gardening landscaping, simple construction, and clean up. You may submit your request by calling the church office at 651-774-8736. Project submission deadline is May 15, 2018.

Cerenity Marian receives St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll recognition

Anne Kolar
Cerenity Marian

Every year, the St. Paul City Council calls for nominations for their neighborhood honor roll.

Local district councils nominate individuals and organizations in their districts that have made a positive impact on the broader community.

Cerenity Marian was honored to receive this award for District 4 at the St. Paul Honor Roll Celebration on January 26, 2018. The following text was read as the award was presented: “Cerenity Marian has been supporting the community through intergenerational neighborhood activities for more than a decade. Their mission of respect and hospitality not only is geared to improving the lives of the residents they serve, but also extends to the surrounding neighborhood. They are stewards to the community by advocating for a safe Indian Mounds Park, offering spiritual care to anyone who desires it, providing entertainment to neighborhood kids with the Halloween Land of Oz event, and opening doors as a community meeting and voting space.”

Thanks to the Dayton’s Bluff District Council for their kind words and recognition.

Upcoming events:

On Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m., join Cerenity Marian for pizza and beer. At 6:30 p.m., Jodi Boyne of Face Aging MN will talk about issues that accompany the reality of a rapidly aging society.

On Sunday April 29, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., don’t miss the Cerenity Marian open house featuring classic cars, music, and an ice cream social.

Both events are free, open to the public, and take place at Cerenity Marian, 200 Earl Street, St. Paul.

For more information please call 651-495-1814.

Photo courtesy of Cerenity Marian
Cerenity Marian staff received St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll recognition on January 26, 2018.

Elder Café
Thursday, April 12, 2018
12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM
463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul MN 55106

Sounds of Sinatral
Bill Rasmussen has performed across the country from his hometown, New York, New York, to California, doing it “His Way” stopping along the way in Las Vegas and Reno. Bill has been “Singing Sinatral Favorites” since 1988.

Hope you can join us for a nourishing meal and great conversation!

Call (651) 683-2326 to make a reservation or to request a free ride!

The cost of the event is $5.00 per person. Punch cards may be purchased at the door. We take cash, check and credit card.

*We cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation.*

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Thank you for supporting your local businesses!
The 2018 Legislative Session began two weeks ago on February 20, giving state lawmakers a new opportunity to improve Minnesotans’ quality of life. This is the second year of the state’s biennium, commonly referred to as the “bonding year.” There is a widespread understanding that our state is falling behind on investments to maintain and improve Minnesota’s infrastructure. Capital investment is a great way to create good jobs and improve public safety. I applaud the Governor’s recent bonding proposal, which includes $1.5 billion for projects across the state, and am hopeful that the Legislature will respond with a similarly sized proposal.

As a member of the Capitol Investment Committee, I participated in a four-week tour throughout our state and led the committee to our district on the Eastside to visit Wakan Tipi Center, Eastside Freedom Library, Battle Creek Rec Center, Humanities Center, 3rd Street Kellogg Bridge, the Sameh Foundation and CLUES which I will be working on this year.

As many of you know, the February Forecast was released on Wednesday, February 28. I am glad we have a $329 million projected surplus for the biennium. However, we need to be cautious since the surplus reflects a few anomalies related to the federal tax bill that may not last long-term. We need to invest in the basics to make government more safe and efficient. Basics include infrastructure, education (including student support and safety), cyber-security and solving the state’s pension problem. When it comes to tax conformity, I think there should be some level of conformity, but the focus should be on working and middle-class families that were forgotten by the national legislature. Since the tragic shooting in Parkland, Florida, my office has received a tremendous amount of feedback and suggestions on this issue. Common sense gun legislation is overdue. It is vital that we implement universal background checks to weapons purchases and close the “gun show loophole”. I believe these goals can be accomplished without infringing on our state’s proud hunting heritage, or a person’s constitutional rights.

On a final note, I want to thank the St. Paul Eastsiders who came out to our SD67 Town Hall meeting on March 1 at Metro State University. It was good to hear from area residents and discuss some of the issues that concern them such as school safety, equity resources, minimum wage increase, bonding projects for our area, early childhood education, Hmong veterans’ recognition day, and sexual harassment training. We also talked about how we can continue to engage our diverse district. On top of these issues, I will also be working on legislation to support voting rights, refugee and immigrant policies, and net neutrality. I’m excited to visit with the many groups and organizations that come to the capitol for rallies and meetings with legislators. If you are coming to the capitol, be sure to stop by my office. I am located at 3413 Minnesota Senate Building.

This column was first published in the Lillie News.
Jay Xiong endorsed by DFL

Temperance Brennan
Special to the Forum

This year, long-time State Representative Sheldon Johnson decided to retire, so the DFL convention on March 10th met to endorse a new candidate following a previous meeting of area precinct caucuses for District 67B, which includes the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood.

On that day, four different people stepped forward to vie for his place at a convention at Harding High School. There was Jay Xiong, a former worker at the Legislature, Shoua Yang, a political science teacher at St. Cloud State University, John Slade, community activist, and Grant Stevensen, a Lutheran Minister with strong ties to the Isaiah Project.

To gain the endorsement, a person needs to receive 60% of the votes at the convention. On the first ballot, Jay Xiong received 53% of the ballots and the rest were divided between the other three in the running. The second ballot had Xiong up to 56% with the others losing a few supporters. After that, two of the people with the lowest totals pulled out of the contest. Slade asked his supporters to switch to Stevensen and Yang withdrew and asked his people to vote no endorsement.

On the third and final vote, Xiong’s total reached 63% and the remaining contender Stevenson asked that the convention unanimously endorse Jay Xiong, which they did.

Jay Xiong might be challenged in a DFL primary election in August but if not, he will be on the ballot as the DFL nominee for the State Representative for our district. He may battle one or more others from different political parties for the position. Keep in touch and be sure to vote in November.

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Always Best Care – a new business on the Bluff

Erica Schneekloth
Always Best Care

“After working with the same healthcare organization for nearly three decades and watching my clients age, it became clear that additional services were needed in our community,” said Ken Crawford. We’ve always had a passion for assisting people in a home environment and decided to venture on our own.

Always Best Care Eastern Metro, a local family home care business, is comprised of Ken, Erica, and Judy. Collectively, they have over 100 years of experiences in providing excellent healthcare resources.

Ken has 25 years of experience as a manager for a non-profit organization that aided individuals with disabilities in their own home. Erica, who worked direct care for many years and has a master’s in public affairs, plans to maximize their independence and respite to families in need,” says Crawford.

By working with case managers, social workers, discharge planners, doctors, and families, Always Best Care provides affordable, comprehensive solutions that can be specifically matched to meet your loved one’s particular physical or social needs. The hallmark services of the Always Best Care include non-medical in-home care and assisted living finder and referral services.

Come by and see them at their new office office in the Stutzman Building on East 7th!

Ken, Erica, and Judy also live on the East Side with their son (grandson) Carson, and dogs Franny and Max.

For additional information on services available through Always Best Care: Eastern Metro, or for a free evaluation, please call (651) 774-9979 or visit AlwaysBestCare.com/MN/Lake-Elmo.
Remembering Soliving “Song” Kong
Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

This is a history article I should have written some time ago, since it is about a person who meant a lot to me. I can’t re-
member exactly when I met Song Kong, but I think when his family moved to the street from me in a city-owned house on Maria Avenue. I got to know him, his wife Lee Her, and their children, daughter Ying, and sons Cleveland, Christian, Phillip, and Timothy.

At the time, Song had been laid off from a job at an airline. When I went into the State Senate in 1987, I found that Representatives could recommend someone from their district to serve as a page. He paid a moderate amount but Song was happy to try it out.

At the end of the session, because of his strong work ethic, he was one of the pages asked to remain working at the Capitol and he was soon the assistant in the mail room, a job he kept for many years.

Song grew up on a farm in Laos and at age 14, was drafted into the Hmong “CIA Secret Army” led by Gen-
eral Vang Pao, and became part of the military police. When the Vietnam War ended in 1975, the U.S. was sup-
posed to evacuate the Hmong, but the更多信息 is cut off.

Song along with his family joined a group of 70 Hmong escaping to the jungle where they slept under
large banana leaves, ate roots, leaves, berries, and whatever animals they could
kill, for almost four years. In 1979, they joined a group of 70 Hmong escaping to-
ning to the 70 Kong families on the Hmong 18th, and was elected county
president. He was on the board of the Hmong American Alliance Church in Maplewood.

He frequently assisted new Hmong families telling them “You are so

that."

Song and I did a lot of things together. I helped him with figuring out some city regulations and explaining some things like politics or dealing with local schools. He brought me to a variety of Hmong cultural gatherings. I attended Hmong weddings and funerals and met General Vang Pao who visited St. Paul. He also became interested in poli-
tics. We made my campaign lawn signs together and sometimes talked issues over a beer or two.

The day came when he was moving from Maria Avenue. The family could have stayed in the subsidized city hous-
ing, but they wanted to own a home and decided to stay on the East Side. They purchased a small home at 346 Hope Street.

Song once said of his job in the mail room “I don’t see myself as any big lead-
er. I feel that my working here might help my people to understand govern-
ment so their lives can be better. I hope I can help them.”

However, he did become one of the leaders in the Hmong community. He represented the 70 Kong families on the Hmong 18th, and was elected county
president. He was on the board of the Hmong American Alliance Church in Maplewood.
He frequently assisted new Hmong families telling them “You are so
lucky. We are here to do everything we can to help you. It’s a lot easier than
was for us.”

He wanted to give his people a voice in the city and he was appointed to the St.
Planning Commission and was elected to the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, perhaps as the first Hmong to
do so in the city.

We encouraged him to take the test for citizenship which, after some reluctance, he did. He passed in March of
1991. Song became a citizen and to celebrate the accomplishment, he changed his first name from Soliving saying it referred to a new life he was entering.

A decade later, I received an afternoon
phone call from a friend at the legisla-
ture. She said that Soliving was in the hospital and not doing well. An old leg injury from the war had become infected
and there were complications. I was set
to go down to see him the next morning but later received a second call that he had passed away. Born on May 15, Soliving Kong died on March 5, 2011, just short of his fifty-sixth birthday. He now rests in Elmhurst Cemetery. I am
proud to have been his friend.

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tonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.
East Side Eating – Trimble’s Taste Trek

In 2015, Forum contributor Steve Trimble set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side (all 59 of them!) Recently, he has been visiting restaurants that opened since then. All of Steve’s reviews can be found at daytons bluffdistrictforum.org under the “East Side Eating” tab.

Gurey Deli
(612) 735-2800
281 S. McKnight Road
St. Paul, MN 55119

Someone told me there was a Somali restaurant on lower McKnight. I knew there was a Somali coffee house near Lower Afton and McKnight so maybe they had added food. I drove down and discovered there was a new deli just south of the coffee house and it had a sit down area, so there is a new step on the East Side Eating Taste Trek. I arrived around 2:00 for a late lunch.

There is a smallish entry room where you order at a counter that has a few chairs. A much bigger back room has six tables that can seat up to six people and a shelf with high chairs at the end of one wall. There are currently no posters or art work, but there is a medium-sized flat screen television at the back.

I was a little surprised that many of the dishes were not traditional Somali fare. Some of the breakfast choices in the dishes were not traditional Somali meal of goat meat with sauteed vegetables and strips of meat cooked in house prepared sauce. The portions were huge, so I brought home around half of mine. It was served with the traditional basmati rice, though it can also come with spaghetti or sauce. The portions were huge, so I brought home around half of mine. It was served with the traditional basmati rice, though it can also come with spaghetti or sauce.

I decided to have the goat meal that had chunks of meat with sauteed onions, green bell pepper, red bell pepper, onions, peas, and corn, in a house-prepared sauce. The portions were huge, so I brought home around half of mine. It was served with the traditional basmati rice, though it can also come with spaghetti or sauce, that the menu described as a kind of Somali grits. There was a small salad and I also had a sambusa and a Coca-Cola.

I had a nice talk with Handi Omar, one of the owner’s family members and a graduate of Harding High School. She said until they opened there were no Somali restaurants in St. Paul and it serves as an important cultural gathering place. In 2015, Forum contributor Steve Trimble set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side (all 59 of them!) Recently, he has been visiting restaurants that opened since then. All of Steve’s reviews can be found at daytons bluffdistrictforum.org under the “East Side Eating” tab. She also reset my cell phone to help me take a better photo of her beside my meal.

Handi Omar of the Gurey Deli, along with a delicious meal enjoyed by the author.

A financial SOL!

Sage Holben
Forum Staff

Some things we would miss in life may be more obvious than others: hot coffee, an immediate flow of water from the spigot, a hug from a loved one…and the list goes on. Some things we just get used to as they gradually diminish and eventually disappear altogether. Without your help AND your dollars, the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum might end up in the gradually disappearing list. That would be a shame, as the Forum is one of the few neighborhood papers still existing. For many people, it’s their only contact with their larger neighborhood.

You’re reading this, so you may be a regular reader of the Forum for the last year. Five years? Perhaps since the Forum’s beginning in 1982? What draws you? Restaurant reviews, articles on local history, upcoming events, personal stories, or transit and other government decisions and how they directly affect our lives? Unique to the Forum, also, is the open invitation for all readers to write reviews and other articles for their paper, as well as to submit photos of interest.

Printing, mailing, and paying for your layout/editing costs requires approximately $1,500 to $1,900 each month. We printed 500 fewer copies in February to cut costs, and we have considered cutting the number of pages in future issues. Several of us are working on grants for the paper, but that will take time. The truth is, this is a volunteer newspaper and we have a VERY IMMEDIATE need for on-going, substantial donations and ads.

Your District Forum badly needs financial help NOW! Whether in the form of an ad, a series of ads, or a BIG CHUNK of CASH. Call Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550 about contributing, or send a check to:

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum
Attn: Karin DuPaul
804 Margaret Street
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Thank you for reading, and thank you for your support.

Sage Holben can be reached at daytons bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

GROW-IT Center Making Progress

Skeley Booth
Special to the Forum

You may have seen a greenhouse building at 445 Maria Avenue behind Metro State’s Fine Arts building. It was originally an Agriculture Department research center but has been empty for many years. Metro State, Urban Roots, Friends of Swede Hollow, and First Lutheran Church have been planning since 2014 with community people to find a use for the structure and find funding for its rehabilitation.

The idea is to develop a food-related research and educational center. There was a meeting on March 13, to discuss and make suggestions for a use for such a growing site. An architect explained a rendering of the possible re-modeled structure. They are looking for people who would be interested in joining the project. If you want to participate or have questions, please contact Jodi Bantley at 651-793-1294 or email GROW-IT@metrostate.edu.
Judy Gustafson shows off the Forum on Washington Island off of Door County, WI.

Several readers send us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you'd like to do the same, please email photos to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Sam Graf and Maria Lee brought their own reading material to the Boston Public Library.

Many thanks to our 2018 donors:

Cliff Carey
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Friends of the Forum

Dear Reader,

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum has been a volunteer-run newspaper since the 1980s and has always operated on a minimal budget. Each issue costs around $1,900 to produce.

For the past three years we have been soliciting donations through our Friends of the Forum program. Thanks to the donations of readers like you, we have been able to keep the paper up and running.

If you value this community source of information, please consider filling out the form below. Any amount is appreciated; you may also make memorial donations, or include the Forum in your legacy planning.

If you have been our Friend in the past, please renew your membership with a donation in 2018. Our goal for 2018 is $3,000: thanks to readers like you, we’ve raised $305 to date – will you help us reach our goal in 2018?

Sincerely,
The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum

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