2018 Election on the Bluff draws big turnout

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November 6 marked the much anticipated 2018 mid-term elections. Though not a presidential year, after the tumultuous election of 2016, turnout was expected to be high. Dayton’s Bluff did not disappoint.

Using numbers collected from the Minnesota Secretary of State website, the Forum did a study of 2018 voter stats for precincts one, two, three, four, and five of Ward Seven in St. Paul, Ramsey County. These precincts encompass most of the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood.

Traditionally, mid-term, non-presidential elections draw far fewer voters than when the presidency is on the ballot. For example, in 2012, the year President Obama was re-elected over Mitt Romney, 5,950 ballots were cast in Dayton’s Bluff. In 2014, a mid-term, non-presidential year, the US Senate re-election win of Al Franken saw only 2,977 total votes cast in our neighborhood. A drop of almost 50%.

These numbers provide a sharp contrast to this year’s mid-term election where 4,727 votes were cast versus the 5,665 in 2016—a drop of only 16%. This is quite an astonishing turnout for a mid-term election. This voter turnout is further illustrated in an apples-to-apples comparison of the 2014 and 2018 elections—both mid-terms—where 2014 saw 2,977 total votes and 2018 saw 4,727, an increase of almost 40%.

And who did Dayton’s Bluff vote for? There’s always a “blue wave” on the Bluff and 2018 was no exception: 70% and greater to the DFL in most of the races.

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Historic Saint Paul celebrates 20 years

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Hundreds of people gathered at the beautiful University Club on Thursday, November 8, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Historic Saint Paul, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve and promote the cultural heritage, character, and vitality of Saint Paul neighborhoods.

The evening included food and refreshments, a program highlighting some of the impact Historic Saint Paul has had on Saint Paul neighborhoods, and a live auction to raise funds in support of their ongoing work. Neighborhoods highlighted in the program were Little Bohemia/West 7th, Frogtown, and Dayton’s Bluff.

One of the speakers, Kathy Moriarty, was a former lead staff person at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council in the late 1990s. Since then, she has worked for the Neighborhood Development Company.

Moriarty spoke about how her organization works with Saint Paul neighborhoods offering business training and direct support to new and existing businesses, and highlighted projects that Neighborhood Development Center has partnered on with Historic Saint Paul.

Historic Saint Paul works in partnership with private property owners, community organizations, and public agencies to leverage Saint Paul’s cultural and historic resources as assets in economic development and community building initiatives. Historic Saint Paul is the only nonprofit organization in Saint Paul focused on making historic preservation a key component of economic development, with an emphasis on under-resourced neighborhoods.

Historic Saint Paul’s staff are Executive Director Carol Carey and Program Director Aaron Rubenstein. Tom Brock is chair of the nine-member board. Carol Carey has been with Historic Saint Paul since it began in 1998, and has done an excellent job of moving the organization forward. Historic Saint Paul was responsible for much of the work done on the April 2016 Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Home Tour, helping new owners with their projects. Historic Saint Paul is presently working on the rehabilitation of 208-210 Bates Ave, in partnership with the project’s developer, Eric Foster, of Autumn Song, LLC.

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Cultural Landscape Study

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City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation – Design & Construction
Special to the Forum

The City of Saint Paul Parks & Recreation has initiated a Cultural Landscape Study and Interpretive Plan for Indian Mounds Regional Park. The purpose of the study is to understand the cultural significance of the site and build common ground for an innovative and inspirational approach toward long-term management and use of the park. It also presents an important opportunity to recognize and support Indigenous community connections to the landscape. The study will document the historic landscape, evaluate the significance and integrity of the landscape, and provide a compelling 10-year vision and plan for landscape treatment and interpretation. The document is being prepared by cultural landscape specialists, landscape architects, and interpretation experts from Quins Evans Architects, Ten x Ten Studio, and Allies, LLC.

Over the course of the year-long project, six community engagement events will be held to bring together people to collaborate on development of the plan. Next Community Event will be held on December 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Cerenity Senior Care Center, Parkview Room. More information at project website: www.saintpaul.gov/IndianMoundsCulturalStudy.

Trail Reconstruction: The City of Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation has received Metropoli-tan Council Legacy (Parks and Trails) and Federal Aid Funding (Transportation Alternative Program) to remove and reconstruct the bitu-minous multi-use trail throughout the park. To reduce the amount of disturbance on sacred lands, the trail alignment will follow the existing alignment and removals will be limited to the bituminous pavement while leaving the aggregate base in place. For more information and to review the preliminary trail alignment visit the project website: www.saintpaul.gov/IndianMoundsTrail.
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, at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. The next hike will be on Saturday, December 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 kardindupaull@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 Thursday, December 6, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Dayton’s Bluff Library. For information and the meeting’s location.

Dayton’s Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The Forum is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on Friday, January 4, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com 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. The next meetings are on Wednesday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended to be 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 a encontrar productos frescos para sus comidas. Insignias para los 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! 612-775-1500. Nuestra personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

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.

December at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

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

Saturday, December 1: Midnight All-Star Wrestling presents: The Best Is Yet To Come. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bell Time at 7:00 p.m. Check our website for ticket information.

December 7-29: A Klingon Christmas Carol. The classic tale of S’Qoppa learning the true meaning of courage and honor on the eve of the Long Night. Presented in the original Klingon with English subtitles. Written by Christopher Kider-Mostrom and Samatha Warren. Translated by Chris Lipscombe. Seating is reserved, and some shows will sell out, so advance ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets $18 (general), $35 (VIP table). Visit our website for dates, times and advance tickets.

Monday, December 31: New Year’s Comedy. Check our website for more information.

Tuesday, January 2, 2019: Trek vs. Wars Burlesque: The Wrath of the Jedi. Check our website for ticket information.

Visit moundsdaletheatre.org for information on upcoming events as it becomes available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com.

Wish List Care Packages

Did you know that you can help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping our Amazon Wish List? Visit www.amazon.com/register/wishlist/3KKOOGHOF5SJ. You can add any of our much-needed items sent right to our office. From there, our team of volunteers will distribute them to seniors in need. Help us make a bigger impact and shop our wish list today!

With the help of supporters like you, we are able to supply groceries and personal care items to nine senior centers in the community, at no charge to them. These items help stretch their monthly budgets and give them access to healthy food and non-food needs: personal care products. For ideas, visit our Amazon Wish List. When you purchase from our Wish List, the items are sent directly to our office. Donations can also be dropped off at our office: East Side Elders, 463 Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55104. A printable wish list can also be found on our website.

December at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? We want to be part of your support team! East Side Elders take a chore off your long to-do list! To get help with grocery shopping, simply give us a call at 651-683-2326 or email us at: In-HomeSideElders@gmail.com with a detailed list. From there, we put a call out to our grocery shopping team and schedule a day and time that works for you and the volunteer for delivery.

As with our other services, grocery shopping is donation-based. You can donate what you can for the convenience of not having to head out to the store. Reimbursement for the groceries will be done directly with the volunteer - they will bring you a receipt when they make their delivery.

Business Classes

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Play a role in developing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan. Those who successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they don’t have to locate business in target neighborhoods to be eligible).

The course is sponsored by the Dayton’s Bluff Community Association and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so sign up now! Email duch@nhdcenter.org or call 651-379-8113.

Free Help for East Side Pets

The Animal Humane Society’s Community Outreach program has special clinics for pets on the East Side. The events offer free wellness exams, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter appointment scheduling, guidance from the AHS behavior team and St. Paul Animal Control, free pet food, and more.

For information on upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit http://animalhumane.org/outreach-services-frightown-east-st-paul.

Holiday Bazaar

The 40th Annual Landmark Center Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar is the perfect place for holiday shoppers to find unique gifts. The event is dedicated to Saint Paul tradition hosts more than 75 artisans, each offering beautiful hand-made items that make perfect gifts.

Visit the Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar is a Saint Paul holiday tradition that is not to be missed,” said Judy Brooks, Landmark Center Director of Community Programs. “Shoppers tell us they love the merchandise, the artisans, and the festive atmosphere. For many of them, it’s a delightful way to kick-off the holiday season.”

The bazaar features items such as jewelry, decor, woven and wearable art, children’s toys and clothes, handmade soaps, foods, items, and more. In addition to shopping, guests can enter to win prizes donated by the vendors, and enjoy festive music. Hungry shoppers can purchase treats from vendors, or made to order sandwiches and entrees from Anita’s Cafe.

The Holiday Bazaar runs November 29, through December 2, at Landmark Center. It is open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is $5 for adults, children 12 and under are free. For more information visit www.landmarkcenter.org/bazaar.html.
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Homes needed for 2019 Home Tour

The 2019 Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour will be here before we know it. We are hot on the trail for homes to be featured on the Home Tour now. The tour will take place on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, Saturday April 28. The home tour is for occupied homes to show visitors our wonderful Dayton's Bluff people, homes, and community. Visitors from all over the metro come each year to see the lovely homes in Dayton's Bluff.

Six to eight Dayton’s Bluff homes are needed to be on the tour. Homes can be large or small, Victorians or ramblers, or anything in between. Homes may be works-in-progress or finished products. It’s a fantastic opportunity for us to show off our neighborhood and all the good things about Dayton’s Bluff. Each year some visitors like Dayton’s Bluff so much that they buy a home here. The tour is also a great way to get new ideas on remodeling and updating your home. You can nominate your own home, or talk to your neighbors about getting their homes on the tour.

We are also looking for neighborhood people to volunteer to help out during the tour. On Sunday evening after the tour is over, an After the Tour Supper Party will be held for the home owners’ families and all home tour volunteers. To learn more about having your home on the tour, to volunteer, or for more information, please email karindupa@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

The expansion will include a new home for CLUES’ Elder Day Program, which currently occupies a leased space in St. Paul’s West Side, as well as other exciting new features including a Teen Tech Center facilitating learning in coding, music recording and film production; a Commercial Teaching Kitchen promoting healthy eating and microbusiness development; six new classrooms for workforce skills/career training ESL, GED, citizenship, and computer classes; and Flexible Meeting Space with a capacity of 140 for client and community gatherings.

Construction began in September 2018 and a grand opening is expected to take place in May 2019. The $7.5 million Capital Expansion has been supported by a variety of generous corporate and private donors, including 3M Foundation, Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, Katherine B. Anderson Fund, Best Buy Foundation, F.R. Bigelow Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, Butler Family Foundation, Chaisson Family Foundation, City of Saint Paul Neighborhood STAR, Hardenbergh Foundation, LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation), Mardag Foundation, MN Leadership Council, Saint Paul Foundation, Super Bowl 52 Host Committee Legacy Fund, Target Foundation, Travelers Foundation, Wells Fargo, and generous individual donors.

CLUES was founded in 1981 by and for Latinos to provide culturally and linguistically relevant services. The CLUES mission is to advance the capacity of Latino individuals and families to be healthy, prosperous and engaged in their communities. In addition to its Headquarters in St. Paul, CLUES has offices in Minneapolis, Willmar and Austin, MN. For more information, please visit www.clues.org or follow CLUES on Facebook and Twitter.

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CLUES announces expansion of St. Paul headquarters

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio (CLUES) broke ground Wednesday, August 1, on an expansion to double the size of its Headquarters building on the East Side of Saint Paul. CLUES leaders held a ceremony along with St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter announcing the launch of construction on the 19,000 sq. ft. expansion, which together with the current Headquarters will become an iconic Latino Cultural Hub and Community Center helping to expand and serve as a cornerstone of the growing Latino Cultural Corridor already underway on Seventh Street.

As Minnesota’s largest Latino-led nonprofit agency, CLUES is positioned to serve Minnesota’s growing Latino population, which is expected to reach half a million by 2035 – more than 8.5 percent of the state’s total population. Today, CLUES and the Mexican Consulate (housed at CLUES Headquarters) bring more than 35,000 people to the neighborhood, helping to expand economic and business development in the neighborhood.

“This is an exciting day for our organization and our community,” said Ruby Lee, CLUES President. “We are proud to be a destination point for the East Side of Saint Paul. Our vibrant Latino culture is an asset that will help expand investment and entrepreneurship on the lower East Side of Saint Paul. Our expansion will result into 39,000 sq. ft. of space where individuals and families of all ages and from all walks of life can build relationships, access resources and build community, all under one roof.”

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Lou “The Photo Guy” Michaels

Mark Gallagher
Associate Editor

Lou Michaels took his first picture when he was 10 years old. He took that picture and spent part of his young life in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up in a very interesting neighborhood called the “Borscht Belt,” so named because it was a Jewish area. Borscht is a soup mainly associated with immigrants from Eastern Europe and was a colloquialism for “Jewish.”

Michaels always had a keen interest in photography. He appreciated Ansel Adams and Gordon Parks, and as a teenager, it gave him a sense of responsibility. “I saw those men producing such beautiful pictures,” Michaels said. “I’m 10 years old, and I remember I shot a picture of my buddies playing softball, and when I got them developed, they didn’t look too bad, so I thought, ‘I can get better and better’.”

His buddy’s critique of his first photographic effort seemed to inspire Michaels. “I remember my good friend Sheldon telling me, ‘Well Lou, I think you have potential’,” said Michaels. “Photography has always fascinated me, and it is an art. It’s a form all to its own — it’s not like painting, it’s not like poetry, and it’s not like writing — it’s a particular art all to itself. It is not the individual you are shooting; it’s the way you shoot that picture.”

Michaels used a Canon single-lens reflex (SLR) camera to take his first picture. SLR cameras have been around for a long time — at least 50 years. The first SLRs used a manual focus and other manual settings to take a photograph. In 1985, Michaels said, “Canon introduced their EOS system, which had a motor inside the camera and a motor inside the lens. It has been around ever since. The camera would set focus, speed, and whatever you wanted.”

Digital is now the new normal in professional and amateur photography. With digital, you can put the picture of your buddies playing softball, and when you got them developed, they didn’t look too bad, so I thought, ‘I can get better and better’.”

Michaels doesn’t go everywhere with his camera, but he usually has one with him. “I work for several papers as a freelancer,” Michaels said. “I have my own company, and if they want something done as an assignment, I’ll take my camera, and I’ll pick the lens that I need for whatever occasion, and I’ll go and shoot the job. Right now, I have about 12 cameras, but it just depends what assignment I’m doing. It’s like being an auto mechanic — you got to have enough tools, and what tools you need to do that particular issue.

“I grew up in Detroit, and the first half of freshman year was at Mumford High School. And then, from that point on, my last three and one half years, I went to Henry Ford High School, named after Henry Ford, of course. It was a trade school, and I learned the photography craft there.”

In 1968, Michaels started out as a professional, making money, and it has been like that for the last 50 years. “I had a little business,” Michaels said, “and started out with a friend’s mother’s sister’s daughter who was getting married and she needed a photographer. I remember Mrs. Koller gave me $200.00, and when you got paid for a service, it takes you out of the amateur arena. That’s where it all began, so I try to do one or two weddings a year.”

Michaels has taken photographs in many areas of the craft, but he enjoys sports the most because he knows what has to be done and thinks he is pretty good at it. He has done it all: football, basketball, hockey, badminton, volleyball, and golf.

“One of the neatest still photographs I have taken was about 20 years ago when I was covering the Senior Open at Bunker Hills,” Michaels said. “I was out at the putting green watching the great Arnold Palmer practicing his putting stroke. When all of a sudden, he misses a putt, and also watching was Arnie’s former teacher from Latrobe, Pennsylvania. She then proceeds to put a “dunce cap” on Arnie’s head, and I got a picture of that. It was pretty funny, but Arnie asked him to send him the picture, so I did!”

“Like I said, my first job was this small wedding, and I got paid for it,” Lou “The Photo Guy” said. “When you get paid for doing a job, you are not an amateur anymore. I don’t care if you are an amateur or a professional; you just got to like what you are doing, and I have loved taking pictures. I’m going to turn 75 next month, and I’ve enjoyed taking pictures for 50 years. You can go anywhere and enjoy the action, do a news story, feel good or sad about it, and know you have accomplished something. Sometimes it isn’t the money, it’s just that you know you’ve done something that you have enjoyed doing, and hopefully you’ve presented it in a proper way as a photographer.”

Michaels was the 2504th member to be inducted into the National Press Club, which is 130 years old. He is also a member of the Professional Photographers Association (PPA) and the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA).

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“I have had the opportunity of meeting so many people,” Michaels said. “I’ve met Hollywood stars, I’ve met politicians, and I’ve met players. They are all people, and you have to respect them. I always ask, even if it is a professional person, ‘Is it okay to take your picture?’”

Lou “The Photo Guy” Michaels has a knack for making people smile and capturing the right moment at the right time. The photos on this page are a sample of the great Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood shots he captured at this year’s National Night Out Celebration in August.
For the Ages Past and Future: Mounds Park Cultural Landscape Study and Interpretive Plan

Carol Sommers
Op-Ed

The agenda seemed conventional enough, but the community meeting unfolded along entirely different lines at the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation introduction to the Cultural Landscape Study and Interpretive Plan for Mounds Park. The November 8 gathering at Century’s Marian Center included a critical mass of indigenous St. Paulites who eloquently and persuasively communicated their concern for and knowledge about this sacred Dakota land. For a change, the whites in the room shut up, listened, learned. As Jane Prince shouted it ve, the evening was “beautiful.” One could even say beatific.

A sequence of extemporaneous testimonies, personal narratives, made clear where the vision for the project already lies, where it has held for long centuries—among the Dakota people themselves who recognize the site as their ancestral center and spiritual home. Dakota Elder Chris led off, followed by Debra Mometa, Barry, Crystals, “Sweet Potato,” Maggie, Dez and family, including two enthusiastic little boys, Rebecca, and others. Together they gave the project a guidance it deserves. This cultural effort must be consistent with the Dakotas’ informed concern. It is this who understands this site, who knows its real name.

Words from an Inquisitive Hobbyist

Daniel Shanklin
Forum Contributor

It is my intention as an inquisitive hobbyist to address some profound aspects regarding hobbies, and to inspire and promote my neighbor hobbyist to critically think about their hobbies. With any luck, this article will inspire a hobbyist in some of the ancient indigenous Dakota for pottery.

The third county which is derived from the ancient Dakota name is Redwood County, which is named for pottery. The name “Mankato,” means “blue skunk.” My proposal - The ancient Dakota name for the county name is derived from the ancient Dakota place names. There is, indeed, precedent for re-naming a county, in this case Ramsey County, with the ancient Dakota name. Articles from The White Cliff Times can be found at http://eastsidedefendomlibrary.org/
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 daytonsbuffietrickforum.org under the “East Side Eating” tab.

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The newest restaurant on St. Paul’s East Side has just opened and I headed up Payne Avenue to check it out. There had been a handful of delays and neighbors were eager to visit. Its Somali owners had to tear down an old gas station on the East Side to open. The brand new bright-red structure is hard to miss. There is street parking, but I found a spot in the smallish lot.

I was warmly greeted on my way inside by the Africa-inspired décor. It was somewhat expected since the word “karibu” is “welcome” in Swahili. Inside, there are four tables and a side patio for warmer days. At this time the menu is somewhat small. It is listed at the counter on an overhead menu display.

Most of the recipes are from the mother of the Ali family. Here’s some of what you can find on the menu: Sandwiches, wraps, and burgers including a Karibu burger with special sauce, caramelized onions and cheese; Safari, which is rolled beef or chicken kebabs wrapped in pita bread; Philly cheese steak with thinly sliced steak and a Gyro with sliced gyro meat on Pita bread with their “famous sauce,” tomato, onion, shredded lettuce, and chicken wings.

Sides offered are French fries, East African basmati rice-white, mixed-viyyu, which is mashed potato with boiled eggs, shaped in a ball and fried, and naan bread.

Appetizers are: Sambusas/samosas which are “crispy patties” stuffed with lean ground beef, onions, and spices wrapped in a homemade flour pastry dough that is deep fried, and malawax, which is a bit like a thin pancake with layers of puff pastry brushed with oil and cooked flat in a frying pan.

East African Specials offer Nomads Ari, fried goat meat cooked with onion, garlic, green pepper, and Somali rice; Suqar, cubed steak spiced and roasted in a clay oven with onion, garlic, green pepper, and Somali rice; Chooch Chick-en, spiced and roasted in a clay oven with onion, garlic, green pepper, and Somali rice; and the Wild Veggie, with carrots, peas, and spinach topped with Afro-Mediterranean spicy sauce and Somali rice.

Beverages include fruit drinks, Kenyan AA coffee, and Somali spiced tea.

I decided on Nomads Ari, since it’s hard to find a dish featuring goat meat on the East Side. I just had water since there is no beer or wine.

I learned a bit about the family’s arrival on the East Side 20 years ago and a two-year struggle to find financing. Eventually, the family was helped by the East African Development Center and the East Side Development Corporation.

Karibu also has specialty groceries including African spices and sauces as well as some halal meats – beef, chicken, lamb, fish, and of course, goat. They also carry things found in many convenience stores such as cereal, milk, and eggs. I also found out that clay ovens, fueled by wood chips or charcoal, are called tandoori.

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Sundays at Landmark
Kris Ryck Schoeffer
Landmark Center

With a full calendar of heritage festivals, musical performances, and holiday celebrations, Landmark Center’s 2018-2019 season of Sundays at Landmark, runs through May and consists of Sunday afternoons of free and low cost, family friendly events.

Remaining Sundays at Landmark dates (free, unless noted): December 9, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Santa’s Workshop; January 6, 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Minnesota Boychoir Winter Concert; January 27, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; January 27, 2:00 p.m.; St. Paul Civic Symphony Winter Concert: February 10, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; February 17, noon to 5:00 p.m.; Balkan Festival, $4/$6; March 3, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; March 16 (Saturday), 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, $5/$7; March 17, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Day of Irish Dance, $5/$7; March 31, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; April 14, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; April 28, noon to 6:00 p.m.; BANDWIDTH Festival; May 5, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Urban Expedition; May 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; St. Paul Civic Symphony Mother’s Day Concert; May 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Border Crossing.

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Monday, December 24th
3:30 p.m. with Presbicular Mass at 5:00 p.m.
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