

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## Princess Party on the Bluff: Eddybear's DQ Fundraiser

Temperance Brennan  
Special to the Forum

People came from all over to the Dairy Queen at 565 Earl Street to attend a "Princess Party" put on by Tim and Karen Plaisted, the owners and frozen cake decorators of the business.

The royal bash was held on August 11, to raise funds to help with the medical expenses of their granddaughter, Edleigh Plaisted, a baby who has already had three operations for a heart condition and was going to have another one soon.

There were specials on food and ice cream, and ticket holders could get a hot dog and drink for only \$2. As a forensic scientist, I passed on the processed meat and had a root beer but my

partner, Seeley Booth, got the dog with everything on it.

Many children were able to take a picture with Princesses Anna and Elsa, in a tent decorated to look like a castle. Guests enjoyed playing games and having their faces painted as well. The St. Paul Police mounted patrol showed up and children got to watch and/or pet three horses. Local legend Tracy "The Mail Carrier" provided security and helped the many cars maneuver safely on the street surrounding the festivities.

A crew from KARE 11 television spent time covering the event. The highlight of the day had to be when, as promised, Karen "The Singing Grandma" of guest of honor, Edleigh, got up on the roof of her building in festive costume and serenaded the crowd with tunes ranging from the National Anthem to melodies from Frozen and other Disney movies.

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Temperance Brennan

The second grandest royal celebration of 2018 since Harry and Meghan's wedding took place on Saturday, August 11. A Princess Party was held in honor of Edleigh Plaisted to help defray the cost of her medical care.

## Sorry we missed you...

But you found us online, yay!

Due to lack of funding, the September edition of the Forum is available online only.

Visit [www.daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org](http://www.daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org) to view this and other past issues (all the way back to the year 2000!)

The Forum depends on readers like you. If you'd like to continue to receive this newspaper in print, please make a donation! See page 8 for details.



Steve Trimble

Dancers perform at CLUES Fiesta Latina on August 18. The event took place at CLUES headquarters, located at East 7th and Margaret Streets.

## "Watch the Glow" of the setting sun on the Red Brick Brewery

Karin DuPaul  
Forum Staff

The annual "Watch the Glow" of the setting sun on the Red Brick Brewery event hosted by Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) each year will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 21. Everyone is welcome to attend. Meet at the Henge in Lower Swede Hollow Park, near the Drewry Lane and Beaumont entrance.

Witness the sunset firsthand, and bask in the bright glow of the brewery building. After the sun sets, the evening cookout begins and socializing continues. Former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's employees are invited to share memories of the "good old days" of living in the Hollow and working at the brewery. It is a great way to meet some interesting people and visit Swede Hollow Park.

FOSH is a nonprofit organization that works on Swede Hollow issues, plantings, cleanups, education, history tours, and events including Art in the Hollow, etc. For more information or to volunteer please email [karindupaul@comcast.net](mailto:karindupaul@comcast.net) or call 651-776-0550.

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Pictured above are some of the youth workers at the newly-opened St. Paul Cookie Cart. The nonprofit group provides work training, skill development, and leadership workshops. They're located at 946 Payne Avenue. You can stop by for a visit or to buy freshly-baked cookies Monday-Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. – but get your fix then, because they're closed on Saturdays and Sundays, and a weekend without cookies is no weekend at all.

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

## Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 6, 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 writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales – join us at our next meeting on Friday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@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 Avenues.

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

## 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 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 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, September 14: Midwest All-Star Wrestling presents: On A Clear Day, You Can See Forever.** On the card you will see: "The Real McCoy" JDJ will be in singles action. Heavy Metal Lore waits for "Notorious" Ryan Cruz at the Cemetery Gates. "The Midwest Mack Truck" Moses Mayhem and Duke Cornell face each other in a big time hoss fight. "The Young Gun" Rylie Jackson makes another open challenge to the MAW Roster and Air Wolf has answered! The year-long feud between Wild Pete and Leonard Literacy continues as they battle in an "I Quit" Match with Dewey Decimal supporting Leonard at ringside. In your MAIN EVENT: Garrison Creed defends his MAW Championship Match against the man that has carved a jagged path on his way to a title shot: Chainsaw King! As a means to keep order after the attack that occurred at the last Mounds Theatre show, Commissioner Brian Sager will be ringside during the show and as always Heel Turn Radio will be calling all the action LIVE from the Haunted Balcony.

**Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bell Time at 7:30 p.m.** Tickets: General admission (in advance): \$9 adults, \$7 kids; General admission (at the door): \$12 adults, \$8 kids; VIP preferred seating (in advance): \$12 adults, \$8 kids; VIP preferred seating (at the door): \$15 adults, \$10 kids.

**October 19-28: Real Haunted Tours.** One hour night-time presentations of our well known haunted venue. Walk and learn historical information and stories about our resident spirits! For ages 16+. Stairs, darkness, and paranormal company is included. **The last tour of the night (11:59 p.m.)** has an option to upgrade to a 3-hour tour, a 3-hour tour, which includes the regular tour, plus the basement and time to explore on your own. **Sunday the 28th** we will run two "Sunset Tours" which give an opportunity for kids 8-15 to take the tour (accompanied by an adult) before sundown so it's a little less intimidating for younger participants. Tickets \$20 (1 hour tours); \$30 (extended 3-hour midnight tours); \$15 (kids on "Sunset Tours").

**December 7-29: A Klingon Christmas Carol.** The classic tale of Squija' learning the true meaning of courage and honor on the eve of the Long Night. Presented in the original Klingon with English supertitles. Seating is reserved, and some shows will sell out, so advance ticket purchases are encouraged. Tickets \$18 (general); \$35 (VIP table).

Visit moundstheatre.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.

## September at the Dayton's Bluff Library

The following events will be held at the Dayton's Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul: **The library will be closed September 1-3, in observance of Labor Day.**

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

**Tuesday, September 11, 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 meeting. Call 651-632-3873 for more information.

Did you know that you can 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://bit.ly/MetroGames> and all are available to the public.

See the full calendar of events happening in September at the Dayton's Bluff Library on page three of this newspaper.

For information about these and other events check [sapl.org](http://sapl.org) or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Free Pet Food and Supplies

Get ready to help out your own Fido or Fluffy. The Community Outreach department at the Animal Humane Society has partnered with several local organizations to offer free pet food and supplies to two communities. They will be at the Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus Elementary school, 698 Conway Street, on Tuesday, September 11, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Guidelines: Dog and cat food will be available for the first 30 families, first come, first served. One bag per pet, per household. Residents of East St. Paul can register for spay/neuter surgery and vaccines at these events.

## Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps startup and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and 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 their business in target neighborhoods to be eligible).

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, so sign up now. Please call the training department at 651-379-8113.

## 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/registry/wishlist/3KK0O1OGFO5NJ](http://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3KK0O1OGFO5NJ).

You can have these 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!

Seeking Donations: Shampoo! With the help of supporters like you, we are able to supply groceries and personal care items to nine seniors in the community, at no charge to them. These items help stretch their monthly budgets and give them access to healthy food and much-needed personal care products. Right now, we are in need of donations of shampoo for our clients. All brands are accepted. Please consider including shampoo for different hair types and textures.

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 55106. A printable wish list can also be found on our website.

## Grocery Shopping

Did you know that East Side Elders can help you and your loved one with grocery shopping? It is part of our mission to support caregivers in the community - we want to be part of your support team! As you know, grocery shopping takes time - time that may be better spent having fun with your family, reading a good book, or maybe getting in a quick nap.

Let 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 [Info@EastSideElders.org](mailto:Info@EastSideElders.org) 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 can be done directly with the volunteer - they will bring you a receipt when they make their delivery.

## Let your voice be heard!

Contact WEQY 104.7 FM, St. Paul East Side's community radio if you have valuable resources you want to get out to the community. Email: [CearahHamilton@weqy.org](mailto:CearahHamilton@weqy.org).

## The Smilin' Cowboys

Popular Twin Cities party band, *The Smilin' Cowboys*, will perform at the Minnesota Music Café, located at 500 Payne Avenue on the **second Thursday** of each month. **Music begins at 8:00 p.m.**

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30	<b>BANNED BOOKS WEEK</b> SEPTEMBER 23-29					

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## Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to [daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com) with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured below for a chance to win great prizes from local businesses. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the October edition of the *Forum*.

*Congratulations to Jamen Parkey, winner of August's contest with her correct guess of the location of the photo: the new Mural on the Phoenix Market building.*



## Tourist or resident, explore Saint Paul with a walking tour

Take a free tour from Landmark Center

Krissy Schoenfelder  
Landmark Center

Visitors and curious residents are invited to explore Rice Park, St. Peter Street, or Saint Paul's riverfront with Landmark Center's Saint Paul Walking Tours – now through September, Landmark Center tour 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.**

"Walking tours are nice events for both visitors and residents," said Bob Wagner, a Landmark Center volunteer and creator of the walking tours. "People tend to take their hometowns for granted, but there's always something new to learn, whether you're a lifelong resident or a tourist."

**The second Wednesday of each month, 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, the Heart of the City Tour departs from inside Landmark**

**Center's North Lobby (6th Street entrance).** It 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 Dinner.

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.**

All tours are FREE, operate June through September, and begin at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 651.292.3063 or visit [www.landmarkcenter.org/visit/walkingtours.html](http://www.landmarkcenter.org/visit/walkingtours.html).

*About Landmark Center:* Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and management agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Parking is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and RiverCentre Ramps. For more information call 651-292-3225 or visit [www.landmarkcenter.org](http://www.landmarkcenter.org).



### Free help for East Side pets

Temperance Brennan  
Forum Contributor

The Animal Humane Society's Community Outreach program has special indoor and outdoor clinics for pets of low income families on the East Side as well as Frogtown. The events offer all the same resources and care as the outdoor clinics —

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://animalhumanesociety.org/outreach-services-frogtown-and-east-st-paul>.

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## Sundays at Landmark

Landmark Center's popular arts and cultural program series returns

Krissy Schoenfelder  
Landmark Center

A full calendar of heritage festivals, musical performances, and holiday celebrations, Landmark Center's 2018-2019 season of *Sundays at Landmark*, kicks off on **September 23**, with the annual Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. The *Sundays* season runs September through May and consists of 18 Sunday afternoons of free and low cost, family friendly events.

"*Sundays at Landmark* celebrates the arts, and our diverse community's cultural traditions by presenting experiences that are engaging, uplifting, and accessible," said Judy Brooks, Director of Community Programs. "We'll present 18 Sunday events this year, which means there's almost always something going on at Landmark Center."

New this year, are the Latvian Centennial Celebration, the Balkan Festival and a concert by music group, Border CrossSing. The season also includes long standing traditions, such as St. Paul Civic Symphony concerts, the Irish celebrations, and Urban Expeditions.

Sundays at Landmark (free, unless noted): **September 23, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.:** Mid-Autumn Moon Festi-

val; **October 21, 1:00 p.m.:** St. Paul Civic Symphony; **October 28, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.:** Great Pumpkin Halloween Festival; **November 18, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.:** Latvian Centennial Celebration; **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 13, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.:** Urban Expedition; **January 27, 2:00 p.m.:** St. Paul Civic Symphony Winter Carnival 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 Irish 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 3:00 p.m.:** Urban Expedition; **April 28, noon to 6:00 p.m.:** BANDWIDTH Community Band Festival; **May 12, 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 CrossSing (vocal) concert.

All events are presented by Minnesota Landmarks and are proudly sponsored in part by Ecolab, Travelers, and the Xcel Energy Foundation. Additional support for Urban Expedition events is provided by RBC Wealth Management and Minnesota Parent. For more information visit [www.landmarkcenter.org/programs/sundays.htm](http://www.landmarkcenter.org/programs/sundays.htm).



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Greg Cosimini

The 35th Annual National Night Out (NNO) in Dayton's Bluff proved to be a lovely evening to get out and meet your neighbors. Every corner of Dayton's Bluff offered food, fun, and friendship – the perfect summer weather was a welcomed bonus. Check out a sampling of the many photos the Forum received documenting the celebration.

Pictured above: Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Knights of Columbus at NNO.

## Church of St. Mary



**Why not join us for some peace and friendship?**

**FALL EVENTS**

**Fiesta Dinner and Dance**  
September 16, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

**Blessing of the Pets**  
September 30, 11:45 am

**Annual Booya**  
October 7, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Turkey Bingo**  
November 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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**You got somethin' to say? Say it here!**

The *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes – send yours to: [daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com).

Deadline for the October 2018 issue of the *Forum* is September 10, 2018.

**Do you know that you live in a Historic District?**

*Casie Radford & Aron Thomas  
Special to the Forum*

A Heritage Preservation District in Saint Paul is a neighborhood area that is recognized for its local significance (for architecture, association with a significant person, location of a significant event, or contributing to the development of Saint Paul) and created to preserve and maintain the historic character of the neighborhood. Local designation does not prevent change, but provides guidance for appropriate exterior alterations and improvements. Benefits include: recognition; access to preservation staff; property value increases; protection of your building; and potential funding opportunities for income-producing properties. There are nine heritage preservation districts in Saint Paul and 75 individually-listed local landmarks.

The City's Heritage Preservation Ordinance (municipal code chapter 73) regulates to protect heritage sites and districts to foster civic pride, enhance the city's attraction to visitors; promote historic sites or districts for education, stimulation, and welfare of the residents; promote good urban design; and encourage ownership and continued use of historic buildings or sites. Buildings located within a heritage preservation district or individually, locally-listed require review of the Heritage Preservation staff and the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) for any exterior work. There are some instances where nationally designated buildings also require review of HPC staff and/or commission. Local district guidelines for exterior work are based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Local Guidelines: <https://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2/15226.pdf>

You can determine if your house is located within the Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District by doing a quick Google image search for "Dayton's Bluff Historic District." A map will appear where you can see the perimeters of the district and images of the neighborhood's buildings. Though many are not particularly unique, they reflect the working class significance of the neighborhood, in style, finish, scale and setting.

The Dayton's Bluff Heritage Preservation District was created in 1992 and encompasses a large area of the East Side from Mounds Blvd/Hudson Road to Maple Street, Eichenwald Street, Hope Street and across East 7th Street to capture the Swede Hollow neighborhood. Within the district, there are both contributing and non-contributing structures and a mix of commercial and residential - though primarily residential

- properties. Contact HPC staff to find out more about your property's contributing status (meaning that it has specific qualities that are particularly character-defining, or representative of the greater district).

Our family was small when we moved to Dayton's Bluff. We looked at over 80 houses across Saint Paul before choosing a small 1-1/2 story on the near east side with a double lot, one block from I-94, just two miles from our former Summit University apartment. What helped sell us was that it was in a historic district. Our cat made the move, and quickly staked her claim under the dining table. There was more space and a yard. We removed the carpet and painted all the rooms prior to fully moving in.

Many people are discouraged by historic districts and see them as a hindrance to development, but it's not a bad thing to be part of a historic district. On the contrary, a historic designation can mean, rather, that development will happen within the context of historic fabric and the character of your neighborhood will be preserved for generations to come. Windows and exterior finishes and features must meet the guidelines and standards. Benefits include: recognition; access to preservation staff; property value increases; protection of your building; and potential funding opportunities for income-producing properties. There's a plethora of local resources hidden in each historic district (architects, specialized contractors and tradesmen, historians, etc.)

People don't buy old houses just because they smell a particular way, though our basement and garage both remind me of something from my youth, the smell that hits me when I first enter the room, or raise the door. I suppose that's part of what's great about an old house. They're like old shirts, comfortable, though worn. But also, it's the way that a garage can look out of place in spite of looking also like it's always been there. Porches seem lived in, living rooms cozy. Somehow structures within an established neighborhood just seem like they belong there and form a community. These old neighborhoods seem to form a link with a past that precedes us, and connects us to something much larger, and more important.

Perhaps it's nostalgia, or a sense of commitment to honoring a past I had nothing to do with, but I feel a personal sense of obligation in recognizing our house's 100th birthday. That it can contribute to a historic district serves as something of an honor to me. No, we don't look forward to abating the lead painted siding; yes, we look forward to removing our aluminum siding though. The beauty of an old house is that it's old.

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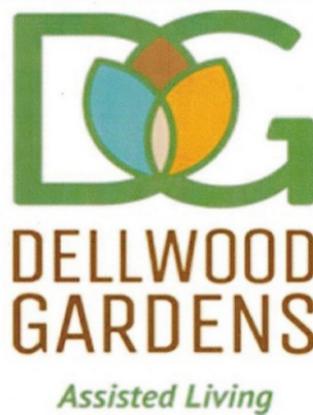


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## East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

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 [daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org](http://daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org) under the "East Side Eating" tab.

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Mr. Pete's is the last place I needed to visit that had been started after the original Taste Trek in 2015. For those of you who read this column, don't worry - there are at least two or three East Side establishments that will soon be opening, so I will keep on trekking.

I drove up Arcade around 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday, and was wondering where I would be able to park. Happily, I found the lot just north of the restaurant on the right. You can go in the back and get through into the restaurant.

It is not very large, but there are five large purple booths that could seat up to six people. Additionally, there are two tables that would be all right for four-five folks.

My impression is that most people are ordering takeout, since several did that while I was there. There were two other people eating in. Maybe there are more people who sit down at night.

One wall was decorated with colorful renditions of the various foods on the menu and an image saying "Welcome to the Neighborhood." There is a flat screen TV, but it was not on at the time.

On their logo, along with the name, it says, "pizza, pasta, wings, grill." These seem to be their specialties. Let's start out with the first name on the logo: pizza. Offerings include "Build Your Own" pizza, Hawaiian pizza, BBQ chicken pizza, meat lovers pizza, Buffalo chicken pizza, and Chicago style Italian beef pizza. Several of their dishes make references to the Windy City.

On to the pastas. There are six of them including baked lasagna, alfredo shrimp, chicken Parmesan, and spaghetti. Now the wings: featuring bone-in wings, boneless wings, and Chicago whole wings. From the Grill come burgers such as the Maxwell Street burger (a market area in Chicago), spicy Baja, gyro burger, and BBQ bacon burger. There are

also hot dogs, a Chicago Dog, and a Maxwell Street Polish. There are a few seafood entrees - catfish, tilapia, and jumbo shrimp.

There are appetizers, or "sides" as they refer to them, including mozzarella cheese sticks, waffle fries, okra, and breaded mushrooms.

There are quite a few sandwiches from which to choose. Here's a few of them: Philly cheese steak, Philly cheese chicken, Reuben, pastrami, meatball, and there is also a burrito.

The three salads on the menu are a garden salad, Asian sesame salad, and a Greek salad. The kid's menu includes pizza puffs, chicken tenders, cheese sticks, and a ¼ pound kids burger.

Someone told me that the restaurant was owned by the same man who started Pappy's at Maryland and White Bear Avenues. I'm not sure if that is a fact, but the two have some similarities - both in the menu and the homage to Chicago. Mr. Pete's has a vintage poster of a Chicago bank that features Mayors Richard Daley, Jane Byrne, and Harold Washington (the city's first African-American Mayor) on one wall.

On another there is an ad that says "You Know You're in Chicago If" that features the classic Vienna Beef hot dog. Not to mention two old photos of Chicago's Wrigley Field and legendary Cubs' baseball slugger, Sammy Sosa. Pappy's also has a lot of sports and other kinds of Chicago memorabilia. And, of course, they both have some foods named after Chicago or Maxwell Street.

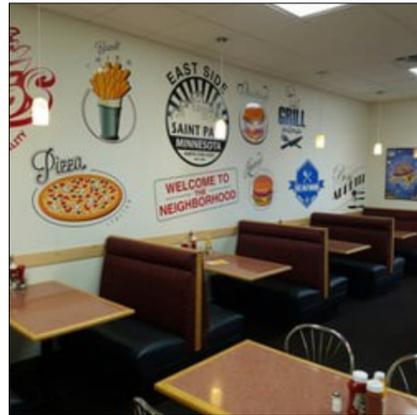


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The interior of Mr. Pete's at Maryland and Arcade.

Customers order at a counter and staff call your number when the food is ready. Since I was raised on catfish in Kansas, I ordered the catfish combo that came with fries. There is no beer or wine, but I was happy to see Dr. Pepper, also a childhood favorite. It looked like there were some pastries for dessert, but I didn't choose to have one. You can order online and they seem to have a relationship with Grub Hub and other delivery companies.

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## The Story of Connemara Patch

Steve Trimble  
Forum Historian

A lot has been written about Swede Hollow and the waves of immigrants who were sheltered in homes along Phalen Creek. But another community on the border of Dayton's Bluff has a little-known history of other immigrants who lived along a different section of the same waters. It was known as Connemara Patch.

The name came from the fact that most of its earliest residents were from the Connemara region of Ireland. They had been persuaded to come to Minnesota in the 1880s by Archbishop John Ireland and were initially located on farms in the western part of the state. For a variety of reasons, the experiment was a failure and many of the settlers came to St. Paul and settled along the banks of Phalen Creek south of the Seventh Street Bridge.

Some of the newspaper notices described the area in negative terms. In April 1891, one report stated "in that most gruesome spot known as Connemara patch...the most severe accident occurred...by which a number of the wretched dwellers in the miserable shanties were injured. The hovels are situated in sheer descent from Commercial Street."

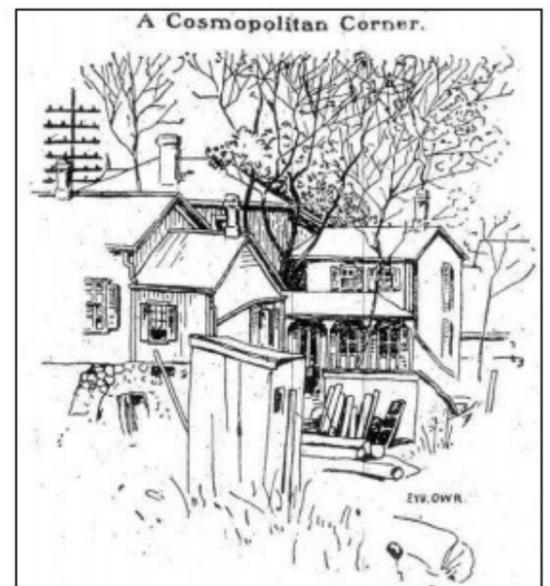
But some descriptions were far less judgmental and negative. A decade later, the *St. Paul Globe* newspaper had a lengthy article describing the community. Its headline read "St. Paul's Most Unique Settlement." It was written by a reporter who visited there on a balmy March day. He walked out on Robert and went east on Fifth Street, crossed a bridge and there found the residences of "quaint Irish families" at the "foot of Dayton's Bluff." The article is one of the few extensive descriptions of the area known as Connemara Patch. You can look the article up on the Library of Congress web page by finding the March 16, 1902, issue of the *St. Paul Globe* and read the full article with photos on page 20.

The reporter stated that there were irregular streets with small homes and that he saw children in "tattered clothes" playing happily in the muddy ground due to recent rains. The children "were happily playing in the sunshine," wearing "tattered clothes." He thought that the "children were well and happy...were playing 'ring around a rosy' as happily as their little sisters up on the aristocratic avenue." He also said the people there retained many of their old world customs. Two sisters live in one house and one "makes the exquisite Irish point lace that is the delight of the fashionable world."

He spoke to several of the inhabitants, many of them working on the

railroads, and learned the Connemara history from one man with "a brogue so rich that at times it was difficult to catch his meaning at all." Not all of the residents were Irish. One of them was an old Swedish man that lived among his Connemara neighbors in harmony.

But a few years later, the tranquility of the neighborhood was upset. In the fall of 1908, there was an article in the *St. Paul Dispatch* that told of plans for expansion of the railroad tracks that would eliminate much of the settlement. It announced that the "cottages and shanties" between the Sixth Street bridge and the East Seventh bridge were soon to "be wiped out." The paper said that even though its inhabitants were without great financial means, their location had a redeeming aspect. "Nature has not dealt unkindly in selecting a home for the squatters and the large trees which extend their tops nearly to the level of the street above offer convenient shade during the summer season and in a measure hide from the upper world the poverty that is everywhere in evidence."



A line drawing of the Connemara Patch, as published in a 1908 issue of the *St. Paul Dispatch*.

The article ended with the following conclusion: "But what appears in this instance to be the blighting hand of progress has pointed its finger at this little community and has claimed the land on which the homes are situated," the *Dispatch* commented. "The railroads are to force the residents to vacate and make room for extensive improvements. The waters of the little creek will flow through a concrete conduit to the Mississippi River, and all evidence of the community which at one time lived on this lower plain will be taken away."

Most, but not all of the homes between 6th and 7th Streets were wiped out as new tracks were laid. However, a small cluster of homes around the Third Street Bridge and along Commercial Street remained, some of them until the 1950s. By then, Mexican-Americans had become the predominant population in the remnants of the old Irish settlement. A few, like Rick Cardenas, can tell you about their community as he grew up. There is one known remnant of the historic Connemara Patch. You can find it at a not-too-distant location at 671 Conway, where it was moved around 1881.

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Kari Soeffker poses with the beautiful "yarn bombing" art that made an appearance this summer at the intersection of 4th and Bates.

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