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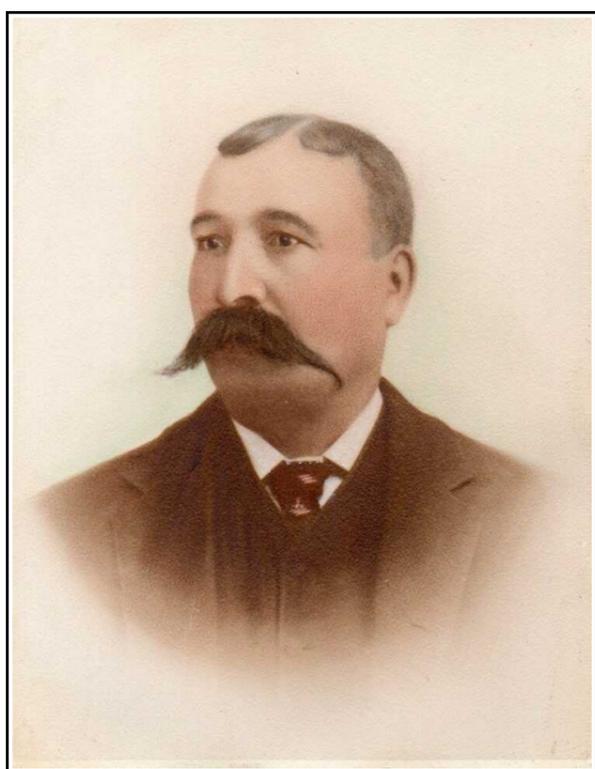
"The Voice of the Community"

Peter J. Franzwa Saloon

Friends of the Forum

Peter Franzwa worked in several saloons from 1884 to 1900, including two hotel saloons. He was only proprietor of one saloon, and that is the one at 791 E. Seventh Street. In 1889, the Franzwa family moved to a second floor apartment in the Bast Building at East Seventh & Margaret Street. The

saloon Peter operated was on the first floor of the building, and was owned by Theodore Hamm, owner of the Hamm Brewery. Peter continued operating his saloon until 1895, when he was appointed City Pound Master by Mayor Robert A. Smith. In 1896, Peter went back to being a bartender, and worked for Sebastian Noll, who operated a saloon at 867 Reaney Street on Dayton's Bluff, and continued working there until 1900.



Pictured above: Peter J. Franzwa standing in front of his saloon.

East Side Authors Create Wonderful Visual of Swede Hollow

*Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff*

Hot off the press *The Life of Swede Hollow* is a book that is full of delightful stories and remembrances of the Swede Hollow community.

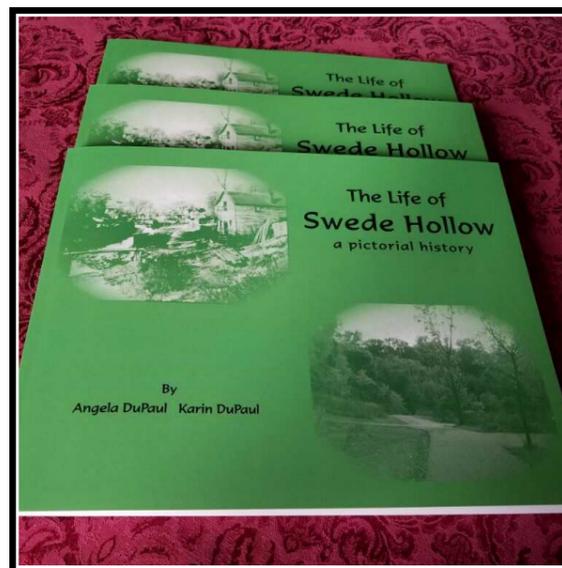
As the Swedes moved out of the

Hollow which they called "moving up on the street," Italians and later Mexican Americans made the Hollow their home.

This new book on Swede Hollow is now available.

Angela and Karin DuPaul started working on the book some years ago. They visited families and people who lived in and near the Hollow and collected photos, stories, articles, and memories.

The next book events are at the Saint Paul Brewery (formerly Flat Earth) at 688 East Minnehaha on Sunday, **December 8 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** and Freedom Library on **December 11 at 6:30 p.m.**



Greg Cosimini

The billboards that have been on the roof of Mounds Liquor (formerly Monda's among other businesses) at 1047 Hudson Road for at least 50 years were taken down on November 19th. They were the last remaining billboards in Dayton's Bluff. The intersection at Hudson Road and Earl St. looks much better now that those eyesores are gone.

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Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

The Hike is back! One change, it will be on the second Saturday of most months. The Dayton's Bluff Take – a – Hike starts at Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard at 10:30 a.m. The next hike will be on **December 14**. The hike is about one and a half to two hours long and will end up at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park depending on the desire of the hikers. You will be able to share and learn a little history along the way.

If you have any questions KarinDuPaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting. The next monthly meeting is on **Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m.** Email KarinDuPaul@comcast.net 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 **Saturday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe at 725 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Police will host their monthly meetings for community members held at the Eastern District police office at 722 Payne on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues. The next meetings are on **Wednesday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.** The meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen to, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Saint Paul Police Eastern District is committed to maintaining and growing the quality of life for all our residents. Bring your neighbors it is a great way to talk about your neighborhood nuisance issues.

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.

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¡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.

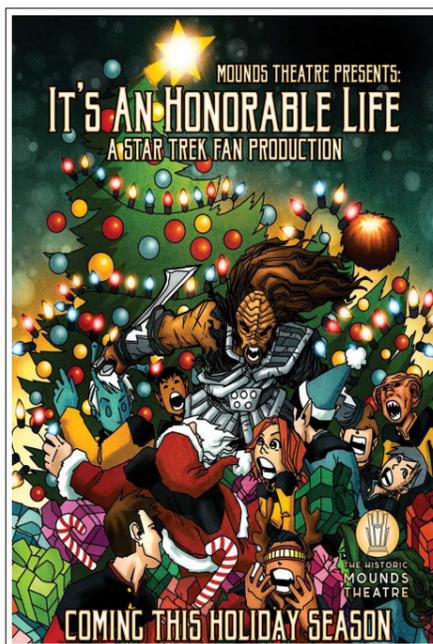
Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for your family.

Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into 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.**



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ble seating right up front.

Visit website at moundstheatre.org for more information and other events not listed here and to purchase tickets as they become available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

December at the Dayton's Bluff Library

The following events take place at the Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East Sev-

enth Street, Saint Paul.

Tuesday, December 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 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 write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted to the publishers to help guide their decisions.

School is in session! The library's got your back. Check out sppl.org/back-to-school for information on homework help, after school snack, and other resources to make your school year a success.

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

Wish List Care Packages

Help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping their Amazon Wish List!

Visit www.amazon.com/registry/wish-list/3KK001OGFO5NJ to have these much-needed items sent right to their office. From there, a team of volunteers will distribute them to seniors in need.

With the help of supporters like you, East Side Elders is able to supply groceries and personal care items to 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. Donations can also be dropped off at East Side Elders, 463 Maria Avenue Suite 201, St. Paul, MN 55106.

41st Annual Landmark Center Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar

The 41st Annual Landmark Center Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar is the perfect place for holiday shoppers to find gifts for everyone on their list. The Saint Paul tradition hosts more than 75 artisans, each offering beautiful handmade items that make perfect gifts, **December 5-7**, at Landmark Center.

New this year is "twilight shopping" from **5:00-8:00 p.m.** on Thursday and Friday. Shoppers will receive a free refreshment to enjoy while they browse. The bazaar features items such as jewelry, decor, woven and wearable art, children's toys and clothes, handmade lotions, soaps, food 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 Café.

The 41st Annual Landmark Center Old Fashioned Holiday Bazaar is **December 5-7. It is open 10:00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.** Cost is \$5 for adults, children 12 and younger are free.

Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility.

Volunteer with East Side Elders

Did you know that East Side Elders

provided over 1,600 rides to seniors on the East Side last year? With the help of our incredible volunteers, we help older adults get to medical appointments, the bank, the grocery store, and other errands. Each ride helps a senior remain an active, vital part of the community.

As we receive more and more requests for help from our senior neighbors, we need to grow our team of volunteer drivers. Join our team by applying online at EastSideElders.org/Volunteer or by contacting us at 651-683-2326. Volunteer drivers have a flexible schedule and help out when they can, as often as they choose. Gas cards are also available for volunteer drivers!

Business Classes

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class program helps startup and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Class training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor.

Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services. Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken this course include graphics, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture, art, custom floral design, and exterior and interior painting. 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 fee scale. Class sizes are limited, so enroll now. Please call 651-379-8432 for an application.

Free Help for East Side Pets

The Animal Humane Society's Community Outreach program offers special clinics for pets on the East Side. The events provide 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 upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit <http://animal-humane-society.org/outreach-services-frogtown-and-east-st-paul>.

Mounds Park United Methodist Church

Dayton's Bluff Community Services at Mounds Park United Methodist Church is hosting its monthly Glorious Grocery Giveaway on **Saturday, December 21 from 10 a.m. - noon** at 1049 Euclid St. All are welcome. Doors open for coffee, pastries and conversation (and warmth) at 9 a.m.

The Ladies of Mounds Park United Methodist Church are hosting their annual Christmas Bake Sale on **Saturday December 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** There will be homemade breads, bars, cookies AND chicken noodle soup.

Metropolitan State University Signs Memorandum

Friends of the Forum

Back in October, Metropolitan State University and Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union signed a memorandum to announce the partnership of a pilot program.

A two-year Master of Business Administration degree, paid for by Affinity Plus, will further education and skills for its employees. This is a benefit that will open doors and opportunities for the 24 participating Affinity Plus employees who will join the cohort beginning in January 2020.

"Affinity Plus is fully committed to investing in our employees and their professional and personal development," stated Dave Larson, President and CEO of Affinity Plus. "Working towards and obtaining an MBA provides employees with new skills and experiences, which elevates their contribution to our organization. We are proud to provide this benefit to our employees as it will also open doors

for opportunities to advance their professional career."

Employees at Affinity Plus will be able to complete 40 credits during the course of the program. Each semester will have two courses that must be completed. One of the courses is a self-paced online course and the other is a weekly in-person course. This will be located at the Saint Paul Affinity Plus corporate branch. There will be 24 spots open for the program and is set to begin in January 2020.

Metropolitan State's College of Management's student-centered programs are designed to serve a diverse student population with an applied, globally-oriented curriculum. This will empower them to achieve career goals as ethical and strategic leaders and managers in business, government, and non-profit organizations.

"Metropolitan State University is pleased to partner with Affinity Plus to provide our MBA program to cohorts of their emerging leaders," said Virginia Arthur, J.D., President, Metropolitan State University. "Students applaud this high quality program for the wealth of the faculty's practitioner wisdom. This MBA experience will equip and empower the

diverse and adult managers who can drive the future of Affinity Plus and its role in global markets and cultures."

Students enrolled in this program will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the organization, evaluate strategic decision making that produces effective outcomes, analyze the ability to lead and manage an organization through change and uncertainty, properly identify, and manage, and foster talent, and apply the skills and knowledge required to lead within a legal and ethical framework.

Contact Hillary Kline, Affinity Plus Senior Public Relations Specialist at hkline@affinityplus.org for more information.

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To learn more about Affinity Plus and career opportunities, please visit affinityplus.org.



Robert Boos

Pictured above: On October 2, 2019, Dave Larson, President and CEO of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union, and Virginia Arthur, J.D., President of Metropolitan State University sign a partnership to begin a two-year Master of Business Administration for Affinity Plus employees.

Mississippi Market this Holiday Season

Matt Frank

Mississippi Market

Make Mississippi Market your one-stop shop for celebrating the year-end holiday season! Our Fifth Annual Holiday Sampler will happen on **Saturday, December 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at our East 7th Street store.** During this free, family-friendly event, shoppers are invited to check out a selection of festive gifts and food while gaining inspiration for holiday menu planning with a variety of free samples. Vendors sampling will include *Brake Bread, Bare Honey, Salad Girl, Mali & Co., R&R Cultivation, Seafood Producers Co-op*, and more. While reveling in the festivities, shoppers can also enjoy live music and essential oil and wellness samples from *Pranarom* and *Roots Essential*. Plus, all attendees are encouraged to enter a free raffle for their chance to win a variety of fabulous prize.

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Family Sponsorship Program seeks holiday donors

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Families, individuals, groups, and workplaces are invited to sponsor a family this holiday season. The Family Sponsorship Program is different than other holiday giving opportunities that seek cash donations. Sponsors get the opportunity to personally shop and wrap gifts for their matched family.

Contest : Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytons-bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com with the location of the neighborhood curiosity pictured at right. The reader who submits the first correct entry will be notified and the winner will be announced in the February edition of the *Forum*. Congratulations to Sherry Jasper, winner of the October contest with a correct location of Selby Ornamental Iron.



Fix-It Clinics Looking for Bilingual Volunteers

Ramsey County Wellness

Ramsey County is looking for volunteers for their Fix-It Clinic program. They are seeking community members who speak more than one language in order to be considered for these volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer positions that are needed in-

clude a fixer. A fixer troubleshoots repairs for broken items such as small household appliances, electronics, jewelry, and more. A sewer to repair clothing, blankets, pillows, and other textiles. Hand and machine sewing are both needed. A greeter to welcome people to the clinic and help sign them in. A runner to help match people to their appropriate fixer.

Those who are interested in volunteering can email FixItClinics@ramseycounty.us or call 651-266-1199.

Homes Needed for the Home Tour

Forum Staff

The 2020 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 25** and **Sunday, April 26**. The home tour is of 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 neighborhoods 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 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 volunteers. To learn more about having your home on the tour, to volunteer, or for more information, please email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550.

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It's an Honorable Life: A Star Trek Fan Production

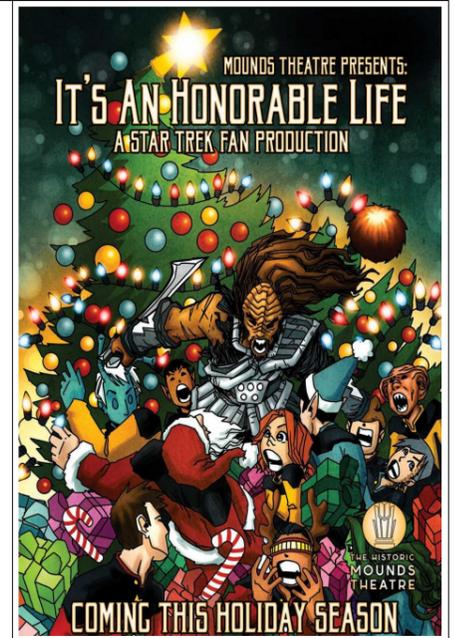
Mounds Theatre

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St. Paul December Historical Facts

*Steve Trimble
Forum Staff*

December 4, 1928: "Dapper Dan" Hogan, was an underworld figure who settled in St. Paul and lived at 1607 West Seventh Street. He was a natty dresser who organized major crimes in the city that was already a sanctuary for criminals.

The Justice Department, described him as "one of the most resourceful and keenest criminals" in the nation. He owned the Green Lantern Saloon on Wabasha Street, a speakeasy that featured illegal gambling. Hogan was also involved in planning armed robberies in towns surrounding St. Paul as well as fencing and money laundering.

Hogan got behind the wheel of his Paige coupe on this fateful day, turned on the ignition and stepped on the starter. A hidden bomb exploded, the car lurched backwards out of the garage, the hood blown off, and the windows shattered. Hogan's right leg was smashed beyond recognition. He was rushed to a hospital, slipped into a coma, and died a few hours later.

The case remains unsolved, but most believed that he was done in by Harry "Dutch" Sawyer, his disgruntled second-in-command. An estimated twenty-five-hundred people came to the funeral. Underworld bosses from New York and Chicago sent flowers that adorned his casket.

December 11, 1956: Swede Hollow's remaining homes were declared uninhabitable by the St. Paul City Health Department and were burned down on this day. This had been home to various immigrant

groups, beginning with the Swedes in the 1870s. An 1886 newspaper headline described the area as "A Foreign Settlement in the Midst of St. Paul," with a "quaint appearance" in the midst of a "still more quaint and picturesque surrounding." Around 1910 many Italians moved into the hollow on both sides of Phalen Creek. They were followed by Mexican Americans in the 1940s. It was a diverse community that, at its height, had an estimated 1,000 residents. The last fourteen families were moved out when the homes were destroyed by the fire department. In 1973 Swede Hollow was designated as St. Paul Park. The former immigrant community has been revitalized and is once again a local center of interest. Visitors can now walk or bike through the park on trails.

December 15, 1980: Kao Kalia Yang, a Hmong teacher, public speaker and author was born on this day in the Ban Vinai Refugee Camp in Thailand. She and her family came to Minnesota in the summer of 1987. Yang struggled for many years to master English, but as a twelve-year-old began teaching English to adult refugees. A ninth grade teacher encouraged her talent and finally discovered that her gift lay in the written word. After graduating from Harding High School she earned a degree from Carlton College and later received a Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction Writing from Columbia University. Yang wrote an award-winning book, *The Latecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir* that was published in 2008 and *The Song Poet* that came out in 2016. Now an American citizen, she has taught in numerous positions across the US. She has offered beginning writing workshops to professionals in the fundamentals of writing and composition to college students. Yang is now a member of Harding High School's Hall of Fame.

December 18, 1884: The East Seventh Street Bridge that spanned the railroad tracks and Phalen Creek was opened for traffic on this day, connecting the East Side to downtown St. Paul. People using the bridge were going over the Seventh Street Improvement Arches built, with a rare construction technique, chosen to solve the special challenges at the site. The Arches are now considered an almost unique architectural marvel.

Architectural historians feel the arches, designed by local architect William Truesdell are significant for their rarity and the "demanding nature of its skewed, helicoidal, stone-arch design." They are considered one of the most important engineering feats in Minnesota history and are on the National Register of Historic Places. To view the arches, you need to follow the paved path leading down from the small parking area south of the intersection of East Seventh and Payne Avenue.

December 26, 1850: The first Thanksgiving in St. Paul was not on a Thursday in November. Shortly after Minnesota became a Territory, Minnesota Governor Alexander Ramsey stated, "I have deemed it advisable to recommend... that Thursday, the 26th day of December... be observed throughout the Territory of Minnesota as a day of public Thanksgiving and praise." As a result, special morning church services were held on this day. Several congregations assembled and listened to a sermon by Presbyterian minister Edward Neill who made predictions for the future. "In a half century the Indian lodges that now surround us will be far removed," he said. In the evening there was "a magnificent ball" at the elegant Mazourka Hall. One writer later commented that "of course Turkeys were quite scarce, but whiskey was in abundance and the boys' whooped it up until very late in the night."



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World Wide December Holidays

Temperance Brennan
Friend of the Forum

Sorry about not having an article in the November issue. As an anthropologist, I had to travel and do some field work outside the United States. I even got to participate in some unique cultural celebrations abroad. The location is being held secret to avoid looters damaging things.

When people here say "Happy Holidays," many people don't realize that there are many holidays this time of year around the globe in addition to Christmas. So here are some of the celebrations that will be going on this December in other places worldwide.

December 1: Independence Day. Antigua and Barbuda celebrate gaining independence from the United Kingdom in 1981. This is a popular holiday on the islands with

events such as food fairs. The Prime Minister makes an address to the nation followed by a grand ceremonial parade.

December 5: St Nicholas' Eve. For most children in the Netherlands, this is an important day when Sinterklaas (St. Nicholas) brings them presents. Dutch tradition says he lives in Madrid, Spain and every year he chooses a different harbor to arrive in Holland, so as many children as possible get a chance to see him.

December 8: Battle of the Falkland Islands is an event remembering a naval action between the British Royal Navy and the Imperial German Navy. It occurred in 1914 during the First World War in the South Atlantic. The British sent a force to destroy a German cruiser squadron. The battle is commemorated in the Falkland Islands.

December 11: Republic Day. This is a most important holiday in an African nation that features festive events in the capital. Upper Volta, as it was called was controlled by France starting in 1896. It declared independence in 1960 and

changed the county's name to Burkina-Faso in 1984.

December 13: National Day. Saint Lucia's National Day marks the Feast Day of Saint Lucia, the patron saint of the island. Saint Lucia was a young Christian martyr who died during the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire of 304 AD. Saint Lucia is the only country in the world named after a female.

December 26: Boxing Day is observed annually in Canada, the U.K. and Commonwealth countries around the world and features presents, called "boxes," to celebrate the season.

December 28: Republic Day. On this day in 2012, the South Sudanese president declared the country was the Republic of South Sudan and was now separated from the northern part of Sudan.

December 31: Hogmanay. This night marks the arrival of the new year in Scotland. Its origins are said to reach back to the celebration of the winter solstice, and possibly may have come from early Norse and Gaelic observances. It is a time of gift-giving and visiting.



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Many local families struggle daily to afford food, clothes or a place to sleep. It is no surprise that these families go without presents and special meals during the holiday season. To help ensure more families in our community thrive during this time of year, Volunteer Services Family Sponsorship Program matches community sponsors with Ramsey County families in need.

Sponsors will provide one clothing item per child, one toy per child, one parent gift, and one grocery gift certificate.

Disconnected

Sage Holben
District Forum Staff

"Nothing wrong with car shopping." The words and body language seemed a bit defensive in response to my opinion of a youth seen a few nights before, exiting a neighbor's street-parked vehicle near midnight. The boys, 14, 15 years old, insisted there is nothing wrong with entering an unlocked car and taking what they want or 'need'; some change, cigarettes...what do they matter?

I was told later that access had been gained by breaking a window. Is there a felony or misdemeanor difference in Minnesota depending on the vehicle being locked or unlocked? At what point does the 'morality slide' in a person's mind move from 'it's not locked, so it's ok' to making an absolute decision to break a law - not only to steal, but to also vandalize, jeopardize a person's sense of security?

I felt angry about the act. It happens too often in

my neighborhood, and anyone who carries vehicle insurance is punished by rising rates because we live in 55106. Consequently, I'm finding more reports are not made. I am vexed because I am, once again, explaining 'right and wrong - how our actions affect others' to an age that I would hope knows better.

Further on the continuum is killing other people. Beyond the moment when one is lost in absolute madness, how does one plan, maintain the drive, and then mindfully physically destroy a life along with the 'collateral' human damage? That's a rhetorical question; I don't expect answers which might explain the soul or heart.

Are some individuals so emotionally disconnected from their families, neighbors, generally the other humans whose paths cross with theirs? Is there really such a deep lack of empathy in growing pockets of our society? Have the socioeconomic disparities numbed us to our surroundings, to humanity? If a community's strength originates from its many neighborhoods, will ALL persons in our community ever find and be a living part of the financial and social security that makes up our social fabric?

Is there even one common thread, however fine, that

connects each household, each resident, each member to others in your neighborhood? A generation or two ago, a neighborhood was likely bound or connected because most everyone attended the same school, the same church, worked at the same company...what is the commonality today? It may be more abstract - is it love of our children, keeping aware and in touch with each other? Perhaps it is simply the joy of experiencing acts of kindness with one another.

When some are lacking, will others in the neighborhood SEE and ACT? Will empathy win out? How do we model this? Yes, at times we need to set boundaries and limits as to what we can do or are willing to do. Weigh this carefully. Note the difference between *looking* and *seeing*. Be willing to err on the side of helping rather than shrugging off what may seem like a burden. Be willing to be unappreciated, ignored, taken advantage of...it may be years before results of your kindness and your efforts flourish...some plants take years or centuries to reach maturity or bloom. You may never see the results, but do believe that your life, as well as the life of another, has meaning and act on that belief.

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East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

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

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 60 may now be found online at daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org: click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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Facebook: @KoreaEatery St.Paul

I drove past where Manana was once located and recently saw that there was a new restaurant that opened and decided to make a quick stop to look it over. The window said Korea Eatery so I assumed that was its name. Then inside a paper menu, however, it printed Arirang and someone said that was the official name. It has now been painted on the outside sign along with framed by two "Korea Eatery." I looked "Arirang" up on the internet and this is the name of an important Korean folk song that is 600 years old and sometimes regarded as an important anthem for both South and North Korea.

I was there around 7:00 on Wednesday and I was alone one table. It has a pleasant interior, bright with some wall decorations such as art plaques and similar things. The inside is smallish with eight tables, seating six and one larger table that could serve eight or more people.

There is a flat screen television on one wall that had Korean programming playing when I arrived.

There were a couple of folks waiting for take outs, including a local resident who lives on Earl near Leo's. He said he comes here often and lived in Korea for time for work and is glad to see this East Side spot.

A person orders at a counter in front of the area for preparing and cooking the food. Above the counter window there are color photos of around three dozen dishes, each with a number for ordering. You pay ahead and there are num-

bers you put on table and someone will bring the food out. On an earlier visit I requested a paper menu to take to a friend, but either they were out of them or aren't going to have them any more.

Here is a sampling of some of the food that have to offer: #5 Kimchee Jeon, which is the usual Kim Chee vegetables, but made into a pancake; #16, Deep fried breaded pork; #22, Kai Bi Tan is Korean grilled beef short ribs with egg; #39 shrimp fried rice as well as chicken and beef fried rice with separate numbers; #52 Dak Gae Jang turns out to be spicy chicken and vegetable soup. #29 Mandu Guk, meat and vegetables dumplings; #11 Ojin Guh Bukum which is spicy stir fried squid and vegetables; #27, Korean blood sausage sounded interesting, but they were out of it at the time.

There are two different tendon soups. There are several meatless dishes including vegetable soup with eggs. A few other items are spicy rice cakes, soft tofu with seafood and spicy dukbokki.

I had #7, the Bulgogi, which is comprised of thinly sliced marinated thinly sliced spicy pork and served with a small salad. It was brought out on a tray with several small side dishes including some Kim Chi, potatoes, noodles, eggs, greens and a container of hot white rice. I wasn't thirsty so I didn't go to the stand-up cooler with a selection of soft drinks. I also didn't order the espresso coffee, but it is available.

Kim Gyeim, the mother of some of the workers, has been in the United States for around forty years and is the main chef who has worked many years in the Korean food industry, mostly in Minneapolis.

The Eatery does take credit cards but not checks.



The Bite Squad will deliver their food to people and they also can cater to groups.

There is limited street parking, but they have an arrangement with the Beauty Sup-

ply store to share their lot. There is no beer or wine and I'm not sure if there are any plans to a license for them. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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