Coming soon to Dayton's Bluff: 10th Annual Art in the Hollow

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

Calling all artists and entertainers! The 10th Annual Art in the Hollow takes place on Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Swede Hollow Park. Openings remain for artists, artisans, and performers. Sign up on Facebook or at www.artinthehollow.org. The fee for artists to display is $15. There is no fee for performers, who will be selected based on talent, variety, and local roots.

Art in the Hollow will include a temporary environmental sculpture contest. Entry is $10, and concepts meeting safety criteria will be erected the day of the festival. Three cash prizes will be awarded. Don't miss your chance to make a statement with public art! No previous experience or credentials required. Apply by May 21 at www.artinthehollow.org.

There will be artists in a variety of media demonstrating and selling their works, and performers from around the globe on stage in the heart of magical Swede Hollow Park. Scores of community members come together to make this happen, and volunteers are rewarded with a breakfast at the beginning of the day and a party with the artists afterward. For more information on volunteering to be a part of this wonderful celebration of talent go to www.artinthehollow.org or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-6550 or karindupaul@comcast.net.

To exhibit, perform, or enter the sculpture contest, sign up at www.artinthehollow.org. Art in the Hollow is free and open to all.

Friends of Swede Hollow Photo Contest: Photographers wanted!

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Friends of Swede Hollow is hosting a Spring Swede Hollow Photo Contest. Photos must be taken in Swede Hollow Park between March 21 and June 20, 2019. Email your photos in .jpg format to karindupaul@comcast.net by or before June 23, 2019. Please put “FOSH Spring Photo Contest” in the subject line, your contact information within the body of the email, and if you’d like, the title of your image. Prizes are first place - $75, second place - $50, and third place - $25. Judging will be done by the East Side Arts Council. Karin DuPaul can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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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 East Street and Mounds Boulevard, at 10:30 a.m. The hike takes place on Saturday, May 11. 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 the Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m., at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Center. For more information, please contact the Board of Directors at 776-0550, or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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, May 3, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe, 735 E. 7th 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 Mrose.
The next meetings are on Wednesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended to be a time to listen 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 beneficien a familias de escasos recursos. Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían califi- car. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio. ¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califi- ca! En algunos casos, el personal bilin- gue 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. Par- ticipation 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 af- fordable, healthy food directly to underserved neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on the following Tuesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4: Midwest All-Star Wrestling returns to the Mounds Theater for M4WLive: Enemies of the State! Gar- rison Creed vs. Moses Mayhem, Chris Jordan vs. Damon Spriggle, The African Prince Ali ALI vs. Stonghehe Joseph Wayne, Tom Irony vs. Air Wolf. The System will be in action. Strap Match: Russell Rogue vs. Leonard Literacy. And as always, Heel Turn Radio will be calling all the action! LIVE from a Haunted Balcony. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: General admission (in ad- vance): $15; $10 for kids; General admission (at the door): $20; $15 for kids; VIP ringside seating (in advance): $25; $20 for kids; VIP preferred seat (at the door): $35; $30 for kids. Fri., Saturdays, Sundays & Saturdays, May 10-25: Fearless Comedy Productions presents: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead. Show times: May 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m.; May 12 and 19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $15.

May 31 – June 2: Defy Gravity presents Circus Splendor Circus Splen- dor is a performance combining the art of contemporary circus with other art forms to push the boundaries of circus today. This all ages cabaret-style show will feature an array of breathtaking pieces choreographed and performed by local circus artists. Join us and be in- spired by the strength and power of these amazing performers! Check our web- site for show times and tickets.

Visit moundstheatre.org for more in- formation on upcoming events. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, 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? We want to be part of your support team!
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 In- fo@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.
Grocery shopping is a donation-based service. Donate what you can for the convenience of not having to head out to the store. Reimbursement for the gro- ceries can be done directly with the vol- untier - 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. All East Side entrepreneurs are wel- come. Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations man- agement, marketing, financial manage- ment, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and de- veloping a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with cre- ating and preparing a business plan.
Those who successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they don’t have to lo- cate their business in target neighbor- hoods to be eligible). The course is sponsored by the Day- ton’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.

Schools
The Animal Humane Society’s Com- munity Outreach program offers special clinics for pets on the East Side. The events provide free wellness exams, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter ap- pointment scheduling, guidance from the HS medical team and St. An-imal Control, free pet food, and more.
For information on upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit animalhumane.org/out- reach-services-frogtown-and-east-st- paul.

Summer Employment
Looking for a fun job? Ramsey County Parks and Recreation is now hiring for the summer 2019 season to staff city parks, golf courses, beaches, and water parks. Positions offer flexi- bility in scheduling within a fun, friendly, outdoor environment. For more information and to apply, visit www.ramseycounty.us/residents/park- recreation-seasonal-employment.

Swede Hollow Bird Walk
Come see and learn about the many different birds in beautiful Swede Hol- low Park. On Saturday, May 4, at 9:00 a.m., meet at Drewry Lane and Beau- con, at southeast of Payne and Min- nehaha. Kathy Sidles will lead the walk and help find the birds. In addition to visual sightings, Kathy will teach us “Flying by Ear” identification. If you have binoculars please bring them. Visit the Friends of Swede Hollow Facebook page or call 651-776-0550 for up- dates. The Swede Hollow Bird Walk is a FREE event and all are wel- come!

Harding High School 50th Class Reunion
Calling all 1969 Harding High School grads! Join the celebration on Saturday May 11, from 7:00 p.m. at the Crooked Pine, 1734 Adolphus Street, Maplewood. To RSVP, contact jankiefri- er@gmail.com.

May Elder Cafe
Thursday, May 9, from noon to 2:00 p.m., join East Side Elders for the Ogichidaaw Council Drumming Cir- cle and a delicious meal. The Ladies Drum Circle will perform and talk about their work to break the silence to end sexual and gender-based violence on the East Side. Admission will be at First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul.
Cost is $5 per person and punch cards may be purchased at the door using cash, check, or credit card. RSVP at 651-683-2326 or Info@EastSideElder- s.org to make your reservation or re- quest transportation on an accessible van. A meal cannot be guaranteed with- out a reservation. Please contact East Side Elders at least one week in advance of the event with any special dietary needs.
Donations of non-perishable food or personal care items are welcome at the event. Items will be collected for the Blue Bag program, delivering sup- plemental groceries to seniors.

Free Help for East Side Pets
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Contest: Where in Dayton's Bluff?

Send your guess to daytonschristmasdistrictforum@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 June edition of the Forum. Congratulations to Rick, of Bates Street, winner of May's contest with his correct guess of Mississippi Market.

Urban CROSS 2019

Eric Buck
Mounds Park United Methodist Church

Urban CROSS is a week of serving the Dayton's Bluff community and surrounding area, and is hosted by Dayton's Bluff Community Services and Mounds Park United Methodist Church. Each year we serve households and non-profit organizations. Projects include the likes of simple construction, yard work and landscaping, indoor and outdoor painting, cleaning, and organizing.

There are many ways you can help us help our community. We are looking for homeowners and non-profits to serve. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to work along side us with these projects. We are looking for individuals and groups who would like to help with the hospitality of our "campers." We are also looking for donations of tools and supplies, as well as food for our staff.

This year's Urban CROSS is the week of June 9-15. We'd love to have you be a part of it. Please contact Eric Buck, Director of Urban CROSS, at (651)774-8736.

Critical Corner: A dash of culture comes to Dayton's Bluff

Mozart's opera "Così Fan Tutte" at the Mounds Theatre

Amerigo Vespuci
Forum opera critic

Full disclosure: Yes, I am Italian and therefore expected to be an aficionado of opera, but truth be told, I am not. I would normally rather eat lasagna made with Velveeta and cottage cheese (which, for you philistines out there, is a bad thing) than attend an opera. I take great pride in the fact that in my 68 years I have never gone to live opera or watched more than a few minutes of one on PBS. I am familiar with some opera due to my father's inexplicable fondness for it and my own fondness for old Warner Bros. cartoons.

Be that as it may, I took it upon myself to make the arduous three-block trek to the Historic Mounds Theatre to see Così Fan Tutte, an opera written in 1790 with music by none other than Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart himself, and libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte.

While music is universal, Italian is not. Fortunately, this production was translated into English and the setting was modernized to the present time. Così, as its fans call it, is considered a comedy and, unlike a Shakespearean comedy, is actually funny, often bordering on slapstick. Parts of the story seemed familiar because other writers have been "borrowing" it from for over 200 years. Così was presented by Skylark Opera Theatre whose raison d'etre is to bring opera to nontraditional venues in an intimate setting at fairly reasonable ticket prices. The Mounds Theatre provided a perfect venue. It has excellent acoustics requiring no electronic amplification for either the outstanding singers or the single grand piano that provided the music.

A thrust stage was built out from the main stage with diagonal rows of seats, giving everyone in the audience an excellent view. The set was simplicity itself, consisting of chairs and tables and the grand piano. Many overturned chairs of various styles were strewn about the stages, obviously representing the unconventional and tradition-breaking presentation of this version of Così. Così played to full houses at each performance with extra seats added as needed. The audiences definitely weren't your typical stuffed-shirt opera types. There were no tuxedos or evening gowns in evidence but more than one flannel shirt was spotted. Everyone enjoyed the show, the likes of which hasn't been seen at the Mound Theatre since Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald operettas were shown there on the silver screen in the 1930s and 1940s.

Even this hardened critic has to admit that he was thoroughly entertained by Così. He can only say "Bravissimo" and hope Skylark will bring another opera to Dayton's Bluff in the future.

Annual Frogtown Community Garage Sale

Don't miss some great deals and the chance to help your senior neighbors live healthy, active lives.

Lynn Byrne
Friendly Frog Events Committee

Hey, Dayton's Bluff! The Friendly Frog Events Committee announces its Frogtown Community Garage Sale to benefit seniors living in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul. Each year, neighbors pitch in to collect donated items to sell in the sale, with all proceeds going to fund social activities for neighborhood seniors.

The annual Frogtown Community garage sale is the major fundraiser for the Friendly Frog Events Committee. All proceeds go back into the community. Some events made possible are the Frogtown Adult Christmas Party, the Senior Halloween Party, Frogtown National Night Out, and the Frogtown Senior Horseshoe League.

The sale takes place annually on the first Friday and Saturday in May, at the new location of 411 Blair Avenue, St. Paul. This year's sale will take place on Friday, May 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All donations are welcome—especially kitchen items, books, clothes, small furniture, knock-knocks, working appliances, toys, puzzles, and monetary donations. No computers, monitors, TVs, or printers will be accepted.

To schedule a donation pick-up, or for more information, please call (651) 488-9671 or (651) 488-7390.
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St. Paul historic events in May

Steve Trumble
Forum Historian

Only one of these events is from the East Side, but they all seem timely and have a bit of connection with our community. One of these events tells a little about the St. Paul Saints. The Great Northern Railroad had three wage reductions in the preceding eight months prompting Debs to strike of the ARU members.

May 1, 1894: Eugene Debs and his American Railway Union (ARU) won the strike against James J. Hill's railroad on this day. In late 1893, the Great Northern Railroad had ordered three wage reductions in the preceding eight months prompting Debs to strike of the ARU members. Debs, the founder of the ARU, arrived in St. Paul in April, exchanged several messages with Hill and eventually met with the president of the Great Northern Railroad. Within days, the Great Northern was brought to a standstill, hurting local businesses. There were hard negotiations, but no agreement.

Seeking a solution to the impasse, the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce convinced Hill to enter into arbitration with Debs. The strike was settled after 18 days and the agreement-to-contract that was signed met virtually all of the demands.

The next day Debs left on the train to return home. All along the line, the section men stood along the tracks, with shovels in hand and took their hats off as a show of respect to the labor leader. Debs later said that in all his life he had “never felt so highly honored as I did when leaving St. Paul.”

May 12, 1944: People looking forward to a leisurely stroll in St. Paul’s Como Zoo were in for a surprise. A gorilla known as Casey decided to take a stroll of his own. When the great ape found that he could jump high enough to grab the top of his fifteen foot cement enclosure and swing down into the surrounding grounds, he began a 45 minute jaunt around the area. While frightened visitors were hustled inside buildings, St. Paul police officers and zoo guards followed the 400 pound panicking primate. Casey ambled over to the concession stand and sat on a table. After a few minutes, he hopped off the table and headed to the barn, peering through the windows and pulling on doors without success. The gorilla was shot in the lower left side of his rump with a tranquilizer dart. Instead of dropping, Casey pulled the medical needles out and threw it away.

Just when people feared he would leave the zoo, Casey abruptly stopped. The veterinarians whom Casey might have associated with medical needles was standing by the gate. He moved away from the vet and headed to the gorilla enclosure, vaulted the fence and went down the wall, standing by the gate. He moved away from the vet and headed to the gorilla enclosure, vaulted the fence and went down the wall, back into his yard.

May 25, 1869: Just when people feared he would leave the zoo, Casey abruptly stopped. The veterinarians whom Casey might have associated with medical needles was standing by the gate. He moved away from the vet and headed to the gorilla enclosure, vaulted the fence and went down the wall, back into his yard.

May 31, 1997: The Beaux-Arts style building was designed by William L. Albonesi, a graduate of the Chicago School of Architecture. He began practice in St. Paul in 1906, specializing in church and school architecture with a concern for creating what was called “formal order.”

May 21, 1997: Ilia Borders became the first female pitcher in a minor league professional baseball team on this day, after she signed with the St. Paul Saints.

She took to the mound for the first time on this day as a relief pitcher. It was not a good outing. She hit the first batter, balked and gave up three runs with no outs. Ilia’s next appearance was much improved. In one inning, she walked one but then struck out the side. One month into the regular season, she was traded to the Duluth-Superior Dukes as a reliever. While there, she became the first woman pitcher to record a win, going six innings and allowing just three hits.

By 2000 she was generally disappointed with her inability to get picked up by any major league team and retired. “You sometimes run into an attitude in the league about a woman playing, but it’s only in the mirrors that I’ve heard of 6,329 people chanting my name and cheering for me when I take the mound.”

Steve Trumble can be reached at dayton bluff district forum@gmail.com.
World Holidays #4

Temperrance Brennan
Forum Contributor

Here we are again. Another month, another interesting group of World wide holidays to consider as you think about celebrating some- thing in addition to Memorial Day this May.

As an anthropologist, I try to do just that. Here are a few sugges- tions for the holidays below: Maybe eat at a Japanese restaurant, go visit the statue of Norwegian poet Henrik Ibsen in Como Park, read Paul Nelson's article in Ram- poes, and watch T. Francis, a St. Paul African Amer- ican holiday of Anguilla, a former British dependent  ter, 75 Winthrop Street South.

May 3: Constitutional Memorial Day. The Constitution of Japan came into force on May 3, 1947. Also known as Constitution Day and "Kempo Kinenbi," the present Constitution declares that sovereignty lies with the people, as- serts that people have fundamental human rights and renounces war. It seems some of the East Side will be part of the Sewer Safety Testing Program.

Seeley Sez

Seeley Booth
Forum Contributor

Don’t think the sewers are on fire like some terribly polluted rivers in the past this summer. I ran across a sheet of paper that explained why. It is a map showing the Dayton’s Bluff area east of Conway and west of Mounds Boulevard as well as most of Battle Creek and Highland are included in the sewer testing. Residents should fill floor drains and fixture traps with at least a gallon of water before May 20, I as- sume so the smoke won’t get in your eyes.

There is a public information meet- ing on Wednesday, May 1 (any time between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) at the Battle Creek Recreation Cen- ter, 75 Winthrop Street South. Seeley Booth can be reached at daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

East Side Eating: City Pages

Edited by Steve Trimble
Forum Staff

The annual “Best Of” issue of City Pages came out recently. The editors list dozens of their choice of the best food music, reading, etc., along with a list what their readers voted for. The two lists were often different. Below I have cut and pasted the food “bests” that are connected with the East Side. Since the monthly publication didn’t list their addresses, here are the spots and where you can find them.

Best Neighborhood Bar in St. Paul: Brunson’s Pub. One of the first things you might notice upon entering Brunson-’s Pub is the signed thank-you from the local squid hockey team. Or the 20- seat bar that stretches from one end of this Payne-Phalen pub to the other. Or the vintage Hamm’s memorabilia, a nod to the brewery that once thrummed along on St. Paul’s East Side. Or maybe the ships patrons, or the scratch-made food on the tables—from $1 seasoned pretzels to hand- some bar burgers. Whatever you pick up on initially, you’ll feel an easy dot- fort, and you’ll swear this joint’s been a neighborhood institution since before you were born. But it’s a relative new- comer—opened by longtime local bar- man Thomas LaFleche and his wife, Molly, in 2017—and a very welcome addition to Payne Avenue.

Best Ice Cream: Sweet Science. Sci- ence ain’t always sweet. (We’ve seen it tank the GPA of many a promising lib- eral arts student.) But in the case of Sweet Science founder and chef Ashlee Olds, it’s never been sweeter. Olds puts her food science background to work, concocting small-batch, creative flavors with organic sugar and real fruit. It’s a time-intensive undertaking that pays big dividends when it comes to creating bold, flavorful frozen treats. In the last year, the scoop shop—once available only at pop-ups and in grocery store freezer aisles—has debuted two brick- and-mortar locations of its own, mean- ing this gourmet ice cream is easier to find than ever. Stop by Keg and Case and get a flight, because you’ll want to sample at least five flavors. Or ten.”
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Dear Reader,

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum has been a volunteer-run newspaper since the 1980s and has always operated on a minimal budget. Each issue costs around $1,900 to produce and mail, per month. For the past three years we have been soliciting donations through our Friends of the Forum program. Thanks to the donations of readers like you, we have been able to keep the paper up and running. If you value this community source of information, please consider filling out the form below. Any amount is appreciated; you may also make memorial donations, or include the Forum in your legacy planning. If you have been our Friend in the past, please renew your membership with a donation in 2019. Our goal for 2019 is $18,000; thanks to readers like you, we’ve raised $1715 to date – will you help us reach our goal in 2019?

Sincerely,

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum

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Thank you for your support!

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

Pictured above is Aaron Levine, reading the Forum at Tianzifang in Shanghai. Tianzifang is three blocks of winding alleys of old Shikumen architecture. It has been preserved and is now a collection of touristy shops, studios, restaurants, and even still homes of some local residents. It remains charming.

Stephen Hurley reads the Forum in China, where he teaches for a few weeks at a university each year.