China Friendship Garden Comes Alive!
Several Events Planned for the Month
Linda Mealey-Lohmann

The China Friendship Garden at Phalen Park, 1640 Phalen Drive, will host several free events for the public.

“In the bright and colorful China Garden, LIU MING YUAN, a colorful golden pheasant dance, will be performed among the blooming pomegranate in a lively and lovely manner. Their dance evokes friendship, peace, and mutual understanding.”

The world premiere dance performance “Encounter in Liu Ming Yuan,” created by Master Choreographer Shen Pei, will be performed at the Xiang Jiang Pavilion on Saturday September 10, at 6:30 p.m. This dance celebrates Chinese and Hmong culture.

The public is invited to bring blankets or lawn chairs to view this colorful and lively dance in a beautiful outdoor setting. Each performance will be followed by a cultural explanation and dance demonstration. This event is made possible by a grant from the Metro Regional Arts Council and the Clean Water Land & Legacy Act. The dancers have been trained by the China Friendship Garden and Phalen Park picnic island on September 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cultural music and dance performances and displays, poetry and drawing contest awards, and exhibits. Gourmet foods and mooncake tasting. Xiang Jiang Pavilion photo time, international costume demonstration, children’s playground, and more. Free to the public, organized by the MN China Friendship Garden Society and the Association of Sino-American Neocultural Exchange. Made possible by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Clean Water Land & Legacy Act. See flyer.

Poetry Contest in 4 languages. Poets are invited to submit a poem on the theme of friendship and resilience in one of 4 languages: Dakota, Chinese, English, and Hmong. Cash awards for winners. Submit poems by September 6. Awards will be given on September 10, at noon at the China Friendship Garden. There will be 2 $100 awards in each language! One for under 18 and one for 18 and over!

Donations Needed for Us to Print
We're Printing our October issue!
Help Us Deliver to Your Door Again
The Dayton's Bluff District Forum staff is asking you to support our newspaper. A small donation can help us get our newspaper back to the printing press each month, so that you can read a hard copy!
Your donation will go toward printing costs. We miss having our newspaper displayed in the businesses on 7th Street. We have found a new printer and are able to print for less each month.

We are so close to meeting our goal to print each month, and we know your donations would bring us one step closer to printing your favorite paper! We are also working toward enough donations for our permit to print that the post office can deliver our monthly newspaper right to your door again!

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The Saint Paul Farmers’ Market
Our St. Paul Farmers’ Markets bridge the gap between local growers and the neighboring communities by providing access to healthy foods and helping to sustain the lifestyle of small, independent farmers, local food makers, and their families. The St. Paul Farmers’ Market (SPFM) allows only fresh, locally grown produce to be sold directly from the grower to the consumer, making it unique among many farmers’ markets. The baked goods, artisan foods, confections, and other products offered are produced locally as well.
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Solidarity Street Gallery Set for September 9, 10
Mandy Okonek

The Solidarity Street Gallery will transform a walkable section of Payne Ave. near the intersection of Case Ave. into a celebration of art and culture this September 9 and 10 from noon until 9 p.m. This year’s theme “Resilient Generations,” honors the vibrant heritage of East Saint Paul’s Southeast Asian community. The festival organizers have curated an array of museum-quality art making it available to the public for free consumption in nearly 20 local business storefronts and galleries along Payne Ave. Live music and performance art curated in collaboration with Indigenous Roots, including dance and spoken word acts, will be featured on an outdoor stage and indoors at local venues, The Treasury, Caydence Records, and East Side Freedom Library.

Community members, friends, and neighbors are invited to participate in family-friendly art projects and children’s activities located outside Anderson Shoes at 968 Payne Ave. A Southeast Asian Street Market will provide an immersive experience of food, vendors, and artisans. Food trucks will be lined up along Payne Ave. providing many options for grabbing a bite to eat while enjoying all the sights, sounds, and visual aesthetics of our talented community members.

This year marks the third iteration of the Solidarity Street Gallery. Last year’s focus was through the lens of Indigenous Sovereignty & Environmental Justice, centered on Native voices. The continuing theme of daylighting diversity through creative collaboration and shared conversation utilizes art as an icebreaker leading to empathy and understanding. Founder Stephan Kistler and owner of gallery Art@967 talks about the inception of this event as a communal coping mechanism following the immense tragedy of 2020.

According to Kistler, The Solidarity Street Gallery is made possible through community partnership and support.

“Solidarity Street Gallery is co-sponsored by the Eastside Neighborhood Development Company (ESNDC) and the Payne Arcade Business Association (PABA). It is an outcome of the ‘Payne Arcade — Uniquely Eastside’ initiative, aimed at creating a more vital, equitable, and prosperous future for the business, [the] arts and entertainment district in the Payne Area — and for the diverse community of people who live, work, and shop in the neighborhood. The 2022 festival is being developed in partnership with SEAD (The Southeast Asian Diaspora Project), Urban Village, and many other local community and arts organizations.”

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One of the Chinese dance classes at the Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center.

One of the art pieces found at last year’s Solidarity Street Gallery.

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Friends of Swede Hollow

Friends of Swede Hollow watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meetings.

Our next meeting will be on September 20 starting at 6:30 p.m. at 608 Greenbrier Street. Anyone interested in Swede Hollow is welcome to attend. Discussion will include National Night Out, Pickup Truck Opera, and other upcoming events.

For more information, email karindu.paul@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 Thursday, September 1 at 11 a.m.

If you’d like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information. We are currently meeting at the Dayton’s Bluff Library.

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The DBCC Board of Directors meet the third Monday of every month. The next meeting is Monday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and are currently being held via Zoom.

Visit daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org or call (651) 772-2075 for more information.

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 to 3 p.m.

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 launched just launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers


Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for anything, call 811. At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to be sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the ‘no dig’ area with painted lines...and everyone is safe!

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest.

This is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply! Give us a call at 651-683-2326, and someone will assist you with your application.

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options.

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer to learn more.

G.W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation Set to Open This Fall

Hi, my name is Carl Johnson and I am the executive director of the G.W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation. I just want to introduce a more conducible space in the community. You may have heard of me before. I opened Storehouse Grocers, a low-cost, affordable grocery store in Dayton’s Bluff. We sell basic needs items for under $5. We want to bring more offerings and also create a sustainable space in the community.

Why G.W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation? Did you know that G.W. Carver was an artist before he was a botanist. He won second place at the world’s fair for his renditions of still art. He could’ve been an accomplished artist but the world he lived in stopped that dream and he became an accomplished botanist. His dream for art was stopped because he was a black man.

In this endeavor you might see black centered programming such as fashion shows, art exhibitions, workforce development, and various community meetings. We want to bring more helping bridge hope and restoration to our community. We will hold special events that bring community together to bridge restoration and hope.

We are open for coffee, conversation, and community Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. We will be opening earlier in the fall for our coffee shop and grocery. We would love for you to stop by, introduce yourself, and purchase a ‘Love My Hood’ Dayton’s Bluff shirt to show your solidarity.

The G.W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation is located at 781 E 7th St. Find us on Facebook at G.W. Carver Cultural Center for Innovation.

Read Past Issues of the Forum Online!

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Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you’re behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SMRL will provide one.

Visit our website for details as they are released.
Solidarity
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This year’s Solidarity Street Gallery will host emerging local talent, Alicia Thao. Thao is a Hmong American singer-songwriter based in Saint Paul. Her music has been played on the local radio station The Current and was recently featured on Twin Cities Public Television’s Local Artist Spotlight. Thao’s voice is bright, inspiring, and effortless; her jazzy-indie-rock stylings and smooth guitar progressions are tempered in pure creative talent. Thao started recording at age 15 and already has enough material to fill several albums.

Local artist Steve Smith works primarily with print on canvas or paper and will have his work featured in the Solidarity Street Gallery this year. This is his second year as a participating artist and he shared his thoughts on the importance of art and community.

“I was attracted to the Street Solidarity gallery because of the focus on building community amongst various people of diverse backgrounds, so that the ones often marginalized and/or ignored might have a voice or visual expression… I try to make art that tells a story and needs to be told. Something like telling truth to power but also bringing awareness to those who might not know.”

As the Solidarity Street Gallery stands together in mutual respect and admiration for the talent, history, art, and stories of our Southeast Asian community, it is important to share that everyone is welcome at this event. The theme of Resilient Generations is intentionally broad and mutually inclusive. As we learn to appreciate and respect the cultural nuances that make our East Side community so beautifully diverse, we can come together and celebrate the strength of our collective differences. Art and music have long been the vehicles driving our shared humanity.

For more information about the Solidarity Street Gallery, please follow facebook.com/solidaritystreetgallery and facebook.com/ArTat967Payne on social media.

Obituary
Leo Ng of Leo's Chow Mein

Leo Ng died at the age of 72 on February 12. He was born on September 26, 1949 in Toishan, China.

Leo attended the Hong Kong Sea School which gave him the training needed to work on tankers and cargo ships. He traveled from the ports of Congo to the fjords of Oslo. He worked hard and managed to help the rest of the family emigrate from China to St. Paul, where he called home.

In 1976 Leo opened Leo's Chow Mein in an old gas station at the corner of Earl St. and Hudson Road. It became a community mainstay and a refuge for many 3M employees. No one ever left his restaurant hungry, even those less fortunate. He was loved by his customers. Many of them became friends and included him in their lives as evidenced by the many wedding and graduation invitations he received.

Leo traded commodities since the 1980s. He was also a successful stock-picker with returns outperforming most market benchmarks and hedge funds. You would not have known he was a successful investor because he never spent any money on himself. He contributed to many causes and gave to his community.

If there was one thing Leo would boast about, it would be his garden. Besides his garden at home, he also had one for many years on the roof of his restaurant. After retiring he traveled to visit friends and enjoy cruises. He also loved fishing.

Leo was a maverick who always gave more than received. He was kind and considerate. The nicest person that you would ever meet. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and his community.

SOLIDARITY STREET GALLERY 2022
September 9, 5-10 PM
September 10, 12 Noon - 10 PM
Payne Avenue, St. Paul

Resilient Generations
An Artistic Celebration of Southeast Asian Culture + History

fine-art exhibitions
multicultural dance + music performances
children + family art activities
Southeast Asian street market
free and family friendly - all are invited

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View From My Porch
Sage Holben

Several nights ago, between 11:30 p.m. and midnight, I was enjoying a cool breeze on the porch. In the inky darkness of our intersection which has no streetlights, I noticed what appeared to be someone using a cell phone light to look under a parked car. I wasn’t sure whether the car belonged to one of the guests across the street, or if the person “belonged” in the area or to the car. I didn’t want to learn later that a neighbor’s catalytic converter had been stolen and I hadn’t intervened.

I took my flashlight and walked over. By this time the person was in the car. I knocked on the passenger window and he ignored me. I went to the passenger side and waited for him to very hesitantly roll down his window. I gave my first name and asked if he was having car trouble. He seemed flustered and nervous, finally getting out of the car, acknowledging he was driving home from work (a “house fitter,” he was wearing paint-stained clothing), and he noticed his front tire was getting low. He showed me where a flat-head screw had made its way into the tire tread.

We had a cat and mouse dialogue about where he lived and did he want a ride, someone to call, further directions, etc. He was very jumped and I suppose I may have scared him coming out of the darkness. He said he had recently lived in North Minneapolis, but being stranded in this area seemed to give him the “bejeebies.” He would give only his first name and when I asked where he lived — general area, not address — he said only 35 minutes away. James told me his father was Irish and instructed James to never give his full name, and NEVER give him his address.

I took the opportunity to remind him he probably disappointed his father anyway since his spare tire is unusable and he is stranded. He repeated that he had two young children at home and a significant other as he backed away. I was getting the impression he was afraid of me, that he might think me one of the local thugs. He finally decided to take his chance with the screw in his tire rather than the woman at the curb. As I walked away he called me back, saying though he realized he was the target of my theft suspicions, he appreciated that people look out for their neighbors — it was unusual for him. Safe driving, James!

Library Book Corner
Dayton’s Bluff Library

BANNED BOOKS WEEK (September 18-24, 2022) is an annual event celebrat- ing the freedom to read. Usually the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. Books are typically banned or chal- lenged for one or more of the follow- ing reasons: LGBTQ+ content, a Black author, sexual/graphic content, or religious/witchcraft content. A banned book has been removed from a classroom or library while a chal- lenged book has been requested to be but hasn’t been removed. To check out our banned book display here at Dayton’s Bluff Li- brary this month.

And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
This picture book is the true story of a pair of male penguins from the Central Park Zoo who adopted and raised a chick together. This book has been banned or challenged many times since it was published in 2005 due to being "unsuitable for young children" and having "homosexual over- tones." It has been requested in some li- braries or schools around the country to be placed in a sec- tion for “alternative or non-tradi- tional families.”

Draw Me a Star by Eric Carle
This picture book follows an artist as he grows up using Eric Car- le’s beautiful and well-recognized use of shapes, lines, and colors created through collage and is based on a story that Carle was told as a child by his grandmother. It has been challenged or banned because of a theme of creation that some readers interpret as religious and one page has an image of a male and female body.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
This middle-grade book follows Meg, a strong female protagonist and she strives to save the world with the help of her friend and little brother. It shows strong themes of moral responsibility and power of love — especially familial love. It has been challenged or banned for under- mining faith and religious beliefs, promoting witchcraft, and contain- ing offensive language.

Read the paper online at daytonschubertclub.org
Minnesota State Fair Continues Through September 5

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A cherished end-of-summer tradition, the Great Minnesota Get-Together welcomes 2 million guests annually to a world-class showcase of agriculture, entertainment, food, art, science, and industry.

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**Happening at the Dayton's Bluff Library**

Dayton’s Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, is a public library branch located inside the Metropolitan State University Library and Learning Center. We are open six days a week offering books, movies, music, internet stations, programs, and services for all ages. Call 651-793-1699 or visit sppl.org for more information.

**READING TOGETHER** is starting. Students and trained mentors meet weekly at a regular time, one-on-one, to work on grade-level reading skills. To participate in the program, students must be in first through fifth grades, read below grade level, and live or attend school in Saint Paul. The online application opens the beginning of September until the end of October at sppl.org/reading-together or stop by to fill out a paper application. Once an application is received, library staff will work to partner a student with a mentor.

**EAST SIDE LIBRARIES USED BOOK SALE!** Join us for a massive used book sale at Hayden Heights Library at 1456 White Bear Avenue, on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Books and items will be priced sell, cash only, and all sales are final. VOLUNTEER with the library! We have volunteer opportunities available working with youth at our FunLab, reading with kids one-on-one in our Reading Together program, gaming with teens as a D&D Dungeon Master, leading adult programs, and helping keep the library looking nice with cleaning and straightening. We invite you to be a part of our team as we connect, learn, discover, and grow with our community. Learn more and find applications at sppl.org/volunteer.

WE CAN GET THE BOOK, DVD, OR CD YOU WANT! If we don’t have it, we can put on hold an item and have it delivered to Dayton’s Bluff Library free! It’s impossible for a single library to have all materials that a community needs so Saint Paul Public Library shares its collection among all of the city branches. Library patrons are welcome to travel to other locations to pick up items, but we also ship books, DVDs, music, and more between branches every weekday. You can request items yourself at sppl.org, or staff can help you. If Saint Paul Public Library doesn’t have what you need, interlibrary loans allow patrons to place holds from libraries throughout Minnesota for free and throughout the world for a $5 fee. The outdoor book drop is open all the time. Current hours are available online at sppl.org/locations/DB/ or call 651-793-1699.

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**Prepare Your Child for School and Daycare with Immunizations**

Immunizations are required prior to starting school in Minnesota. Children in care and early childhood programs are also required to have up-to-date vaccinations. If your child needs immunizations for school this fall, avoid the last minute rush.

Contact your healthcare provider now to schedule an immunization visit. If you don’t have insurance, ask your provider about the Minnesota Vaccines for Children program. Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health’s Immunization Clinic also offers low-cost immunizations for individuals without insurance, whose insurance does not cover immunizations, or who are unable to access services.

Low-cost shots for infants, children and adults who are uninsured or whose insurance does not cover shots. Be sure to bring a photo ID, insurance card, and immunization records with you to the clinic. Parents or guardians must accompany those under 18 years old. Billing is available for Medical Assistance (MA) and some insurance, cash, checks, or credit cards are accepted.

Immunization services are available by appointment only. Some same-day appointments are available. Call 651-266-1234 to schedule an appointment. The Immunization Clinic is located at the Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health Center at 555 Cedar Street in Saint Paul.

Metro Transit buses and Green Line stop near the clinic. Free parking is available in the back lot. Parking meters are on surrounding streets. Visit ramseycounty.us to view the list of immunizations your child might need for the school year.

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**St. Paul and Maplewood Students Recognized on Dean's List and Honors List**


Rochester Community and Technical College recognizes graduate Porshay Poe of St. Paul.


Archdiocese Purchases 3M Building

Greg Cosimini

Archbishop Bernard Hebda of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis announced on June 21 that the archdiocese was purchasing the 3M building located at 777 Forest St. which it had been renting since 2017. This guarantees that the Archdiocesan Catholic Center will remain in Dayton’s Bluff. A dedication ceremony was held on July 19. Archbishop Hebda noted the historic nature of the building and thanked the family of James and Florence Trainor whose estate gift made the purchase possible.

Originally known as Building 21, the building served as the administration building for what was then called Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing from 1939 until 3M moved its main campus from Dayton’s Bluff to Maplewood in 1962. Building 21 is the only building remaining from its original campus. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

Photo to the right credited to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Back to Basics: Tips to Go Green This School Year

Ramsey County

It’s that time of year again when the leaves are turning, the air is cooling, and the back-to-school ads are a-plenty. Consider making the start of the school year more sustainable by following these five tips.

(Re)Use what you already have: Before you fill your shopping cart with new school supplies, take note of what you already have at home that can be used again. Common items include backpacks, calculators, scissors and pencil boxes.

Shop second-hand: Whether it’s your child’s first year of school or thirteenth, prices can add up quickly. Shop for gently used clothing, backpacks, textbooks and school supplies, take note of what you already have at home that can be used again.

Eat green lunches: “Greenify” your child’s lunch by making sustainable swaps. Reuse last year’s lunchboxes and or invest in reusable containers, including silicone bags and beeswax wraps. Another important part of a sustainable lunch is reducing food waste. Only pack what will be eaten and avoid throwing food in the trash.

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September Events Happening at Battle Creek and Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Centers

September 15-29, 6-7:30 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Scentsation: For ages 11-18. Youth will discover the power of scents. They will explore how to use essential oils and will make a project to take home each session.

September 24, 9 a.m.-noon, $10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Kids’ Sidewalk Sale: For ages 8-18. Kids, let the entrepreneur come out in you! Come and set up your own table and sell things you no longer need!! (No Food)

September 27-October 4, 6-7:30 p.m., $10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Basic Sewing for Kids: For ages 12-14. Participants will learn basic sewing skills, terms, stitches and read a pattern. Learn parts of the sewing machine and complete a sewing project.

September 29, 6-15:30 p.m., $10; Battle Creek Rec Center—Design IT!: For ages 8-14. Come design your own T-Shirt with paint, dye, and photo printing.

September 5-October 31, 5:45-6:45 p.m, $4; Battle Creek Rec Center—Zumba with Marie: For ages 18-20. A total workout combining all elements of fitness — cardio, muscle conditioning, balance and flexibility. Boosted energy and a serious dose of awesome each time you attend class.

September 6-December 31, 4-7 p.m, ans 1-4 p.m; Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project: For ages 12-19. Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project is taught and mentored by the Twin Cities’ best artists, performers, engineers, and educators on the scene. We offer mentoring and instruction in instrumental music, beat making, songwriting, singing and dance. Disciplines include: Instrumental Music, Recording and Performing Arts, Make Your Own Beats and Songs, Hip Hop and Modern Dance, Spoken Word, Singing and Songwriting.

September 6-June 4, 2-6 p.m, Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—Rec Check: For grades first through fifth. Rec Check is a free after-school and out-of-school program for youth in first through fifth grades who live or attend school in Saint Paul. Youth participate in a variety of structured, supervised activities that are recreation focused.

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September 7-June 14, 9:30 a.m. to noon, $2; Battle Creek Rec Center—Adult Pickleball: For ages 18-plus. Pickleball games for all skill levels. Two courts available, Nets provided. Must have own racket.

September 7-June 28, 9:30 a.m. to noon, $2; Battle Creek Rec Center—Senior Dice: For ages 18-plus. Seniors meet twice a week to play dice games, enjoy snacks and socialize! It’s a great way to get out the house and meet new people. Come and join us!!

September 7-December 21, 10 a.m. to noon, Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Tot Time: For ages 1 week to 6 years. Parent led free time for tots in the Dayton’s Bluff Gym. Various toys and equipment provided.

September 8-December 15, 10 a.m. to noon, Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—Take Off the Pounds Sensibly: For ages 18-plus. This class is a weight loss club and support group that meets weekly for discussion and camaraderie. For more information, visit www.tops.org No class on Nov. 24.

September 8-December 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m, $2; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Adult Open Gym: For ages 18-plus. Open Gym fee 18-plus.

September 12-December 12, 10 a.m. to noon, Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—G.I.R.L. Group: For ages 11-15. Girls Group will motivate, inspire, empower and guide young women ages 11-15 to understand their value, uncover hidden or unknown talents and discover their passion for life!

September 12-December 19, 5-30-8 p.m., Free; Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center—Teach Us to Fish Cooking Class: For ages 10-18. It is said, “If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. If you teach a man to fish, he eats for a lifetime.” Young people will learn the process of putting food on the table. Youth will meet on Monday and plan a meal for Tuesday. They will be given a budget and learn how to work within that budget. Youth will go to the grocery store with staff to shop for the meal supplies. On Tuesday, youth will prepare the meal for themselves and their rec center peers. They will prepare, serve, and clean up.

September 22-December 16, 10 a.m. to noon, Free; Battle Creek Rec Center—Tot Time: For ages 1 week to 5 years. Tot Time is a program for youth under the age of 5 years old. Toys, games, crafts, bikes, tricycles, and a miniature basketball hoop are provided so that toddlers can have a space to play in a safe and fun environment. Visit stpaul.gov/facilities/battle-creek-recreation-center for the full list of events. You can also choose Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center when searching.
Hamn's Brewery: A Cultural Icon and Current Conundrum
Bailey Ether
East Side Freedom Library

Working class urban neighborhoods are under constant threat of gentrification and many face complex challenges after decades of unjust disinvestment. Housing is a pertinent issue throughout the city of St. Paul, and it is inextricable from the effects of impending urban reinvestment initiatives. These initiatives often bring new business and economic stimuli to communities, but they inevitably drive up housing prices and displace low-income residents.

In 2021, the U.S. Census revealed the Twin Cities as the metro region with the worst housing shortage in the nation. Subsequently, the Minnesota Financial Housing Agency (MN FHA) reported dismal predictions about the future of housing in the state. The agency estimates the state will experience a shortage of over 40,000 homes needed to keep pace with population growth over the next five years. The East Side of St. Paul is no exception to this trend. During the height of 3M, Whirlpool, and Hamm's manufacturing operations in the mid 20th Century, the East Side employed over 1,300 workers. The company's departure, HUD subsidized corporations' departure, and the displacement of local residents. As one of the few breweries to outlast Prohibition, the family quickly became prominent public figures. William Hamm Jr. To secure William's safe return, the family paid the gang a ransom that did not stifle their success as a business. Over the next two decades the brewery expanded to 20 acres and employed over 1,300 workers. The company purchased breweries across the country and Hamm's iconic advertising. In 1968, the family sold its company and the business was passed around the St. Paul location finally closed 30 years later. Although the site is not yet listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, the Minnesota State Government claims it could be eligible. Since the brewery closed its doors, the empty complex has been home to a handful of entrepreneurs. For a period of time, the complex housed the Twin Cities Trapeze Center, a hospital linen laundry, and aquaponics company Urban Organics. Because the buildings are not easily re-purposed, the city has struggled to find appropriate occupants. The complex housed the Twin Cities Trapeze Center, a hospital linen laundry, and aquaponics company Urban Organics. Because the buildings are not easily re-purposed, the city has struggled to find appropriate occupants. Talk also circulated about the implementation of an $18 million project to establish an Asian Pacific Cultural Center on the property, but the city was never able to secure the bonding money from the state. Currently, 11 Wells Distillery and St. Paul Brewing are located in the Hamm's buildings. In 2013, St. Paul Brewing received $375,000 in financial assistance from the government to complete the $1.5 million project. The remaining funding was sourced from private financiers. Rob Clapp owns both St. Paul Brewing and Can Can Wonderland, an indoor mini golf and arcade entertainment facility. St. Paul Brewing has enjoyed praise for its whimsical patio and its Instagram-friendly environment.

During the height of 3M, Whirlpool, and Hamm's manufacturing operations at this site, the area was also once viewed as the most distinctly gentrified neighborhood as a rising arts district in the city. While it had a poverty rate under 20 percent; 40 years later that percentage has increased by over 10 percent. The St. Paul community demonstrated its concerns about rising poverty and housing affordability last election cycle with its rent stabilization initiatives. These initiatives often bring new business and economic stimuli to communities, but they inevitably drive up housing prices and displace low-income residents.

In 2021, the HRA released a request for proposal (RFP) for the rehabilitation of the Hamm's site. Hamm's is designated as both a Federal Opportunity Zone and a Mixed-Use Opportunity Site, which allows for higher-density, mixed-use development, and flexible rezoning. The RFP requirements were shaped under the guidance of St. Paul's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, the Dayton's Bluff District Plan, and the 2004 Hamm's Reuse Study and Vision Plan. In the RFP, the HRA calls for developers who will revitalize the buildings, maximize housing and jobs for the community, enhance neighborhood connectivity to public resources like Swede Hollow Park, and prioritize equitable outcomes in the development and use of the space. Five proposals were submitted before the first deadline, but the city has not moved forward with any developers. The HRA is not actively tables RFPs in 2022, but the city is open to receiving proposals for properties at any time.

An array of community groups are in conversation about the future of Hamm's Brewery. Its undeveloped land coupled with its spacious vacant buildings present a daunting task for the city. St. Paul has committed to a community-informed process in the development of the site; it must remain accountable to the residents who will be affected most by any decision regarding the property. The glaring need for additional affordable housing looms over potential developments of commercial sites on the East Side, and the displaced local residents should be avoided at all costs. As new proposals come forth, residents must establish a strong collective voice in the decision-making process: ensuring a strategic, ethical, and collaborative approach to redevelopment in a historic immigrant community.

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