Capture the Beauty of Swede Hollow Park
Brad Griffith

The 2022-2023 Friends of Swede Hollow Winter Photo Contest is in the rearview mirror, the 2023 Spring Photo Contest just concluded, and now it’s time for the 2023 Summer Photo Contest. Submission of your photo(s) is easy. (Yes, you can submit as many photos as you’d like.)
– Photo(s) must be taken in Swede Hollow Park between June 21-September 22.
– Submit your photo(s) in a .jpg format on or before September 24.
– Photo titles are encouraged. If you’d like, include the photo title with your submission(s).
– Email your photo(s) to bradgriffith@me.com

First, Second, and Third Place Winners will be judged by the East Side Arts Council. Winners will be announced on the Friends of Swede Hollow Facebook Group by October 1.

You may win neighborhood bragging rights as well as a cash prize. First Place: $100; Second Place: $50; Third Place: $25.

Contact Brad Griffith at bradgriffith@me.com with questions.

Fourth of July Events Happening In the Cities

Family Fun Twin Cities

July 1, 2, 3
Baseball and Fireworks at CHS Field
The St. Paul Saints take on the Omaha Stormchasers with fireworks after Friday’s game, and “Super Fireworks” and Monster Food Truck Rally on Saturday and Sunday nights.

July 1, 2, 3, 4
Apple Valley Freedom Days

July 2, 3
Hmong International Freedom Festival
The Hmong International Freedom Festival returns to Como Park for the annual celebration of Hmong history and culture in the United States. The sports-centric event is considered the Olympics of the Hmong American community and also features delicious food stands, merchandise booths, and performances.

July 3
Bloomington Summer Fete
Food vendors, live music, and fireworks at dusk. Plus a kids carnival and kids stage for special entertainment. 5-10 p.m. Normandale Lake Park, W 84th St & Chalet Rd, Bloomington.

July 4
Light Up Maplewood
Join us for our annual Light It Up event at Hazelwood Park. There will once again be food trucks, family games/activities, inflatables, adult beverages provided by The Dog House, live music by Skitso Fonik and a fireworks show at dusk. 1663 County Road C E, St Paul.

July 4
Forest Lake Fourth of July
Carnival & entertainment each day; parade, fireworks on the Fourth. Parade starts at 6th Street SW.

July 4
Rosefest July 4 Celebration
The Rosefest Parade, Party In the Park & fireworks all return in 2023. For full lineup and events list, visit cityofrogers.com/2564/Rosefest.

July 4
The 4th in the Park
Celebrate the holiday at the Fourth of July Parade in the St. Anthony Park Neighborhood. Kick things off with an early morning distance race. Enjoy the colorful parade starting at 11 a.m., then stake out a patch of grass starting at noon to enjoy the program and live music at the Langford Park bandstand.

July 4
Fourth of July Party
Come join us for a 4th of July celebration! We will have food, water & soda, games, music, a bounce house, and a great view to enjoy the fireworks! We have parking, but it’s limited. First come first serve. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket for the firework show** Bring your friends, family, kids! See you then! 1440 Duckwood Dr, Eagan.

July 4 and 7-16
Pan-O-Prog — Lakeville’s Summer Festival
Start out with 4th of July fireworks and wrap up with a grand parade. Sweet treat alert: the festival’s free ice cream social is July 12. Enjoy a classic cool one. For more information, go to panoprog.org/.

Family Fun Minneapolis

July 1
10-17 smiles, Inc Family Picnic
Carnival. Inflatable fun. Music. 10-17 smiles, Inc. is hosting a family picnic. The St. Louis Park Recreation Center 2000 Dean St. S.E., St Louis Park.

July 2
South City Days
A fun celebration will feature food vendors, games, bounce houses, music and fireworks. 6-9 p.m. South City Park, 1800 E 13th Ave, Minneapolis.

July 3
Fire in the Park
Fireworks in St. Louis Park will take place at South City Park. 7 p.m. South City Park, 1800 E 13th Ave, Minneapolis.

July 4
Bloomington Fourth of July
Patriotic fun in downtown Bloomington with music, food, and fireworks. 6-10 p.m. 7000 France Ave S, Bloomington.

Fourth of July Party in Wayzata
Wayzata’s Independence Day Celebration starts with a parade at 10 a.m. The Sandstone Ballroom, 4240 S Lake St, Wayzata.

July 4
Rosary & Fireworks in St. Anthony
Rosary, followed by fireworks at dusk. 7:30 p.m. St Anthony Park, 2600 Como Ave, St Paul.

July 4
Eagan 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate in Eagan with the ultimate picnic and music. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eagan Community Center, 1500 Randolph Ave, Eagan.

For more information about these events, go to familyfunvictorvilles.com/twin-cities-july-families-festivals/ and visitaintpaul.com/blogs/a-mysaintpaul-fourth-of-july/

Note: There will be more events added to the website in the next few weeks. Check back on the website for more information.

The City of Saint Paul opened its newest skatepark at the Dayton’s Bluff Recreation Center on May 18 as part of its City of Skate program which promises “World class skateparks for all.” To save money, this skatepark was built on the tennis courts that were rarely used and many of the fixtures were made of recycled materials.

Read the paper online at daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org
The Crucible at The Historic Mounds Theatre
June 30-July 8
Penelope Parsons-Lord

Before QAnon, before the Satanic Panic, before the Salem Witch trials, there was the Salem Witch trials. Superstition turned into paranoia, which was weaponized for revenge or personal gain. “The Crucible” reminds us that (We are what we always were), and the urgent need for us as a community to push back against this kind of bigotry before we, like Salem, get consumed by it.

In this world of “The Crucible,” the audience finds itself in “The Society,” an isolated, controlled, cult-like community. Here we see how quickly and devastatingly the consequences of repression, brutal control, and insidious politics can consume all in its path.

I’m going to say something controversial: I’m not a massive fan of Arthur Miller as a playwright. Seriously, I keep trying to see versions of his productions and I just don’t find that interesting. They are not for me, they don’t concern me, and I have no interest in seeing them.

With “The Crucible,” Miller had an urgent and crucial reason to tell this story. Knowing that he was writing about McCarthyism at a time when doing so could have seen him blacklisted, brings even more potency to this world. It reminds us that as long as we humans keep repeating the same mistakes, we will keep finding ourselves in a crucible of our own making.


Friends of Swede Hollow

The mission of the Friends of Swede Hollow is to protect the natural beauty of Swede Hollow Park and remember its past.

Friends of Swede Hollow will hold their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 651-442-3366.

We gather at 668 Greenbrier Street at 6:15 p.m., convene at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn at about 7:45 p.m.
The next Friends of Swede Hollow meeting will be held on July 18.
The Friends of Swede Hollow Facebook Group is an excellent resource for Park updates and neighborhood events.

For more information, email Michel Taylor at taylord72@comcast.net 651-442-3366.

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, July 7 at 11 a.m.

If you’d like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email dayton bluff district forum@gmail.com for more information.

We are currently meeting at the Dayton’s Bluff Library.

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 box 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 Metroag.org/volunteer to learn more.

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds can help single folks, too.
Here is a list of agencies that help with deposit and/or rent assistance through FHPAP:
Neighborhood Home: 651-789-2500
MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
American Indian Family Center: 651-793-3803
CLUES: 612-746-3550
YMCA: 763-493-3652
Face to Face: 651-224-9644

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 just launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that rototiller 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 make 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!

Dayton’s Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council is inviting everyone to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, July 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.
Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters! Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, open discussion with your neighbors, and board members. Looking forward to seeing you and serving your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

St. Paul Farmers’ Market at Union Depot
Shop Local This Summer

Visit St. Paul

Ready for summer? The Saint Paul Farmers’ Market will be popping up at Union Depot. Grab a friend and shop fresh favorites!
Come get lunch from food vendors, grab a recipe card with directions using items from our vendors, and support local businesses.
This is a free event to attend and is inside the Head House of Union Depot near Station 81 Restaurant. Union Depot, 214th St. E. St. Paul. Questions? Contact 651-202-2700.

Upcoming dates: July 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30

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.
Families can stay for free events and activities: All library locations offer numerous free activities and programs for all ages. Dayton's Bluff Library will host Story Theatre for young children with the Children's Theater Company on Saturdays through July 15 from Noon to 1 p.m. Dayton's Bluff will host Photography Camp with Saint Paul Public Schools for middle schoolers on Tuesdays from 3-3 p.m., starting July 18. Dayton's Bluff will also be serving snacks to kids under 18 on Saturdays from 1-2 p.m.

Dayton's Bluff Library Hours
Mondays & Wednesdays
noon to 8 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Fridays & Saturdays
10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Most students in Saint Paul can check out books, e-books, audiobooks, and more with Library Go, a library card for students that uses their student ID number as a library card number. Saint Paul Public Schools, and many charter schools, automatically enroll their students in Library Go.

Summer Spark is sponsored by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, Minnesota Twins Baseball, Minnesota State Fair, Star Tribune, Kare 11, and MELSA Summer at Your Library.

The Dayton's Bluff Library Offers Free Reading, Learning Fun for Kids and Teens All Summer Long

The top five reasons for families to make the Summer Spark reading program a part of summer break are:

Getting started is easy: Stop by the Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7th Street, to pick up a Summer Spark Reading Log and a free book to keep. Participants set a reading goal and track their reading progress in the reading log. As summer progresses, participants can return to the library and choose up to two more free books to keep.

Personalized challenges make reading fun and keep kids busy: With Summer Spark, readers won't find required reading. Instead, the program offers fun and flexibility by encouraging readers to pick books they want to read and set their own reading goals. Instead of the State Fair, Star Tribune, Kare 11, and MELSA Summer at Your Library.

Discovering new titles, authors, and genres is easy: Library staff are here to provide recommendations that align with readers' interests and help participants explore new reads.

Have you considered purchasing an investment property? Today is a Gr8 day to begin the discussion. Contact Brad Griffith, Realtor® - Edina Realty

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Remembering the East Side Explosion
Terri Taray

The day is July 21...It's a warm summer evening and I'm sitting on my deck. I'm still taken aback and heartbroken, as I re-flect on the events of July 22, 1993 — to many lifelong East Siders — this date is hard to forget. This was the date there was a massive explosion in the Dayton's Bluff area of the East Side.

I met with some community members of this neighborhood this past week who offered to see if we could devise a plan for a permanent marker on the corner of 3rd East Street and Maria to honor those heroes of that day and those who lost their lives in this tragic event.

I was asked that day if I'd be interested in writing an article for the Dayton's Bluff paper about that day. That day is STILL quite emotional for me — ALL these years later! I dug out the old Pioneer Press newspaper articles I'd saved, AND — just sort of fell apart! That day comes back to me in these horrible flashes! I think it was the first time in my life I experienced SHOCK.

It was shortly after 9 a.m., I was barely 20 years old back then and had been out the night before...The explosion, itself BLEW me out of a deep sleep AND out of my BED! Even a good five blocks away — on 6th Street and Bates Ave. where I'd grown up and lived.

My Mom, an employee at Saint Paul Ramsey Hospital, Now Regions, getting a call about an “Orange Alert.” Then finding out that my good friend Donna Guthrie, who lived in the apartments on 3rd and Maria was home instead of at the Subway sandwich shop we both worked at! As I re-read these old newspaper clippings, I was left a little confused. I'd always been told Donna had added Ali Artoli — the Phoenix grocery store owner in got folks out of the building, but these old articles say different.

I am still sickened when I read that she was found in the hot rubble by two neighbors, who pulled her out and dragged her away from the hot ash!

When I first moved back into the Dayton's Bluff area, it was the 25th anniversary of the explosion, and I tried to contact someone about a memorial then but didn't get anywhere. I honestly feel these people were heroes, and this event is memorable and that there should be a permanent marker or memorial on this site. This day was life alerting for many folks in this community at that time, and I’m sure I’m not the only one this day haunts.

I'd like to mention that Donna Guthrie was a rare and unique person, who mentored the teens of the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood — keeping their minds on the positive and life’s bigger picture. She was SO FULL of LIFE! In closing, I'd like to pay tribute to Ali Artoli, the grocery store owner who ran up into the apartments to warn the tenants to the oncoming danger.

To the gentlemen who risked their own lives when they dug Donna out of the hot debris — Dusty Niederer and Kevin Murphy — you gentlemen are amazing. Finally, to Gordon Raths, Howard Hus-nik, and Donna Guthrie, who lost their lives that day. In this Dayton’s Bluff community, in my heart, and in many others, you will NEVER be forgotten!

I’d also like to add if anyone knows the right city officials who could be contact ed about a permanent memorial marker or if you have any updates on those in this article, I’d appreciate knowing about them. You can email me at luckter-ri13@gmail.com.
Art in the Hollow 2023 a Success!

Benjamin Mason

As summer roared in, with over 90-degree temperatures, Art in the Hollow set up in the early morning hours of June 3 as it does to welcome the warm months each year, and it was plenty warm this year. Over 130 artists set up shop throughout the day. Some of them were sheltered by the canopy of Swede Hollow's woods, and some shared the direct sunshine of the stage at Swedehenge, where musicians and performers played to the crowd.

For the volunteers and organizers who run the festival, it feels a little bit magical to see the festival take shape and fill the woods and paths of the park for several hours. In the morning, there are a few early birds putting up their tents and wares. By noon, there is a festival of hundreds finding their way down to the sprawling-but hidden-park, with the drumbeat of dance music and the sounds of conversation and grassroots commerce filling the once-quiet air. By 7 p.m., however, the gates protecting the old Hamm Brewery are closed again, and you may walk through a large, quiet park which is once again filled with serenity.

This appearance and disappearance of a large festival was the goal of the Friends of Swede Hollow in promoting the festival to draw crowds into the natural beauty of Swede Hollow Park while preserving its natural aesthetic. As Art in the Hollow has grown over the past 13 years, it has maintained its grassroots, community-oriented philosophy which sets it apart from many other art festivals in the Twin Cities' area. Although visitors may find excellent art for sale at Art in the Hollow, they will not be confronted by the price tags they'll find at Edina or Uptown Art Fairs. Alongside master crafters, they'll find young artists selling their work for the first time. The organizing committee is a volunteer group of participating artists who attempt to maintain an affordable and approachable experience for every artist and visitor, even as the festival has grown and filled more and more of the park.

For the thousands who turned out for the festival, there was also a peek at possible futures for the park space. The Swede Hollow Master Plan is in its early stages, and visitors were able to imagine how it will develop over the next several years. The Hamm Brewery site, once booming in ruins over the park and threatening to crumble altogether, is part of the festival's entrance. This year, JB Yang, the recently named tentative developer of the Hamm complex, showed off their developing plans to the festival goers and sought input on what could be a transformative vision to preserve and expand on the site. If executed, these plans would include a convenient new path to the park from Minnehaha, centered around an amphitheater.

For now, that pathway is closed to the public with few exceptions. Art in the Hollow is one of them, and next year's festival might be the next one. Until then, the closest you might get is to sit in the cool of St Paul Brewing, looking out the window, and imagine what the future holds.

Photos to the right provided by Art in the Hollow.

Walking Around the Bluff

G.B. LeRoy

It looked like a nice day on the first Saturday of June in 2023, so I thought I would take my usual visit to Art in the Hollow.

I liked the fact that it was a venue for young artists, and I wondered if there were people from the surrounding neighborhood who would have a table.

Get Your Money's Worth

Hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are being spent to build the Metro Gold Line BRT on Hudson Road. Why not get your money's worth and watch the "free" shows being put on for our neighborhood?

The most interesting activity is the pile driving taking place over by Cheers Pub and Leo's Chow Mein. See the giant drill making holes for the steel piles! Watch, listen and feel the pile driver as it crashes into the piles and drives them into the ground!

See retaining walls and bus stations being built! Enjoy the freeway traffic that can now be observed without the berms and noise walls that blocked the view for decades! See the demolition and rebuilding of the Maple St. pedestrian and bike bridge! Coming soon in front of the Mounds Theatre and Saint Paul Saloon – the excavation of the old brick road and streetcar tracks!

It may not be the greatest show on earth, but it's something to do this summer and you're already paying for it.
St. Paul July History
Steve Trimble

July 4, 1892: An event on July 4, 1892, became known as “the Noble Riot.” Per- cival Noble, an Englishman residing at 238 Bates, decided to fly the British flag on a pole in front of his home on Indepen- dence Day. John DeCourcy, who lived nearby, ran to the house, pulled down the foreign banner, folded it, and carried it to his own and protested in the name of the founding fathers.

As soon as DeCourcy left, Noble sent the Ukiah Daily Journal the rope. DeCourcy returned and began climbing the pole. Noble attacked him with a horsewhip. Another nearby resi- dent arrived on the scene and punched Noble in the nose. This allowed DeCOUR- cy to seize the whip and start flailing. Noble retreated into his house. Other neigh- bors arrived and tore pole off the house’s front porch. A squad of police on horseback arrived and a number of people were taken to the Margaret Street station. People demanded that Noble be prosecuted for desecrating the Fourth of July, but there were no arrests or charges. Soon after, Noble packed up and took his family to Winnipeg. One writer said, “thus was the last outpost of the British empire wiped out in the United States.”

July 6, 1974: Garrison Keillor hosted the last episode of the Lake Woebegone Days show. The audience was transferred to a UAW local in Minnesota where labor leaders were employed in defense industries.

July 7, 1941: The Twin Cities Ford plant workers were issued charter #879 on this day by the UAW. A few weeks earlier, 900 workers at a meeting signed union membership cards, giving the needed majority under the national labor agreement signed in Detroit. The local initially opened an office at 444 Rice Street.

Prior to the union, Ford was a difficult place to work. Jobs were insecure, sickness was an issue, wages were low, and the plant shut down for several years during the Depression. Employees were disheartened and discouraged. There were frequent “line speeds” and pressure from efficiency engineers. There were “company spies” and workers risked fir- ing if they attended union meetings or were held at a variety of locations, from bars to public parks and the CIO office in Minneapolis.

In the lead-up to the strike, the union needed to pro- tect the members, as the plant was being converted from civilian production to mil- itary production during World War II. As production ramped up, labor leaders were hired to keep auto workers em- ployed in defense industries. In spite of an attempt to keep the doors open, Ford closed the plant in 2011. The charter was terminated and responsibilities for retirees were transferred to a UAW local in Minne- apolis.

July 6, 1918: Norman Katkov, novelist and screenwriter, was born on this day in the Ukiah region of California. Jews were being slaughtered so his family fled and immigrated to St. Paul via Cana- da when Katkov was two years old. He grew up in a Jewish neighborhood. He graduated from Humboldt High School in 1935 and wrote for the Saturday Evening Post.

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Notice of Draft Alternative Urban Areaweide Review (AUAR) Update for Highland Bridge
City of St. Paul

As the Responsible Governmental Unit, the City of St. Paul has determined that an Alternative Urban Areaweide Review (AUAR) Update is required for Highland Bridge (previously referred to as the Ford Site). The notice of document availability will be published in the EQB Monitor.

The AUAR study area encompasses approximately 139 acres in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The University of Saint Thomas, in cooperation with Ryan Com- panies US, Inc., is proposing to develop a portion of the study area south of Mont- real Avenue into new ballfield facilities. The City is updating the AUAR and Mit- igation Plan adopted in 2019 per Minne- sota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7.

Three development scenarios were evaluated in the Draft AUAR Update. Two of these three scenarios were previously evaluated in the 2019 AUAR. This AUAR Update contains a new scenario that incorporates the University of Saint Thomas’s proposal.

If no objections are filed by state agen- cies or the Metropolitan Council, the City of Saint Paul will address any comments and then adopt the AUAR Update.

Read the paper online at daytonsbuffordistrictforum.org
Gold Line BRT Construction Schedule Update

Compiled from information provided by Metro Transit
metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

The Metro Gold Line will be a bus rapid transit (BRT) line that operates primarily within bus-only lanes. Gold Line will provide frequent, 15-15 minute, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week. The planned 10-mile route is between St. Paul and Woodbury with bus-only lanes being constructed generally north of and near Interstate 94. It will become operational in 2025.

Work on the Gold Line is continuing in Dayton's Bluff and to the east as the clanging of a pile driver, multiple detours and visibility of I-94 from Hudson Road, and vice versa, illustrate. The storm water holding pond near Griffith Street and Johnson Parkway is completed although there hasn't been any storm water to hold recently. A retaining wall near Mounds Boulevard and Third St. has been constructed to prepare for a bus station that will be located there.

This is a very difficult time for the businesses near the intersection of Earl Street and Hudson Road. They would be grateful for your continued patronage. Please support the Mounds Theatre, Saint Paul Saloon, M & A Groceries, Leo's Chow Mein and Cheers Pub during these trying times.

As of June 16, here is the construction schedule through mid-July as per Metro Transit:

* Near the intersection of Earl Street and Hudson Road, crews continue to excavate and construct retaining walls, install steel piles for retaining walls, and work on the Earl Street bridge. Sidewalks on Earl Street will be repoured by the end of June.
* Earl Street is closed over I-94 between Hudson Road and Pacific Street. The closure continues until early summer 2023. Follow the posted detour route along Burns Avenue, Johnson Parkway, and 3rd Street.
* The eastern half of Hudson Road between Cypress Street and Earl Street is closed into early summer, including the Earl Street and Hudson Road intersection. Businesses on Hudson Road and Earl Street are accessible by sidewalks. Parking is available on Earl Street north of Hudson Road.
* Hudson Road closes late June to through traffic between Maria Avenue and Maple Street. Crews will reconstruct the road and sidewalks, replace underground utilities, and construct bus-only lanes.
* Hudson Road between Maple Street and Griffith Street will close in early July. Hudson Road from Maria Avenue to Griffith Street will be closed through fall 2023.
* The Maple Street pedestrian/bike bridge over I-94 closes for reconstruction in mid-July.
* Ruth Street is closed over I-94 and the westbound I-94 entrance ramp from Ruth Street is also closed. The closures will continue through fall 2023. Follow the posted detour route along Old Hudson Road, White Bear Avenue, and Suburban Avenue. Access to businesses is maintained on Ruth Street and Old Hudson Road via detour routes and sidewalks.
* The eastern half of Hudson Road between Cypress Street and Earl Street is closed into early summer, including the Earl Street and Hudson Road intersection. Businesses on Hudson Road and Earl Street are accessible by sidewalks. Parking is available on Earl Street north of Hudson Road.

Support Our Local Businesses

The construction of the Metro Gold Line on Hudson Road is wreaking havoc on the businesses located near the Earl St.-Hudson Rd. intersection. Road closures, which will soon get worse, dirt, noise and a lack of parking are making access very difficult and impacting their income.

Our friends in that area would be grateful for your continued patronage. Please support the Mounds Theatre, Saint Paul Saloon, M & A Groceries, Leo's Chow Mein and Cheers Pub during these trying times.

Midway Area Job Fair Happening June 29, Rain Date July 12
Ramsey County

Are you looking to get back to work or advance your career? Bring your resume and your best first impression to the Midway Area Job Fair! Connect with 25 local companies that have current job openings. The fair will be held outdoors. All are welcome.

Presented in partnership with Allianz Field, CareerForce, City of Saint Paul, Midway Chamber of Commerce, Ramsey County Workforce Innovation Board.

The fair will be held outdoors. All are welcome.

Physiotherapy

Support Local Business

Read the paper online at daytonsbluffdistrictforum.org
July 5-7
Little Dribblers Basketball Camp
The camp will teach young players fundamental ball handling, passing, shooting, and defensive skills to help players grow and develop their game. For ages 6-10.

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Rec Center: Duluth & Case
Cost: Free

July 10-12
Volleyball Camp Ages 7-10
Participants will work on their serving, passing, and hitting. Instructors include high school coaches and high school volleyball players. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. Bring a water bottle. Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Rec Center: Battle Creek
Cost: $10

July 12, 13
Tinkerbell and Her Fairy Friends with KidCreate
If you believe in fairies, clap your hands, and come to this whimsical, glitter-filled camp! Your little fairy princess will create a fairy castle, a crown, fairy wings, a wand and more. The kids will even make their own Tooth Fairy box. With the help of Tinkerbell and her fairy friends, they are sure to experience the magic of art! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child each day. For ages 3-7.

Time: 9 a.m- noon
Rec Center: Phalen
Cost: $78

July 17-19
Outdoor Little Crafters Camp
Join us for some fun craft activities each day using a variety of materials to make your unique creations with Eastside Arts. Dress for getting messy! For ages 6-9.

Time: 2-3 p.m.
Rec Center: Duluth & Case
Cost: Free

July 17-27
Outdoor Adventure Camp—Session 2
Outdoor Adventures Camp is a free program for youth similar to our popular Summer Rec Check program, Outdoor Adventures Camp offers a variety of structured activities that allow participants to connect with their peers while keeping their “space” to allow for social distancing. Activities will include arts and crafts, nature exploration, games, swimming, fitness, outdoor cooking and more. All activities will take place outdoors. Participants are encouraged to wear sunscreen, bathing suits under their clothing, bring a water bottle, a towel and a bag or backpack to carry items. Program dates may be cancelled due to weather. Registration is available 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. by calling Phalen Recreation Center at 651-793-4600. For ages 9-13.

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Rec Center: Phalen
Cost: Free

July 19
Robbers with KidCreate
Calling all Robloxians! Take a step out of the virtual world and into the coolest camp ever! We’ll create with clay, paint, and more. As we sculpt a classic Roblox Noob, whether you’re a hardcore gamer or more of a Noob, this is the perfect camp for you. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child. For ages 5-13.

Time: 9 a.m-noon
Rec Center: Phalen
Cost: $36

July 20, 21
Simple Painting Mini Camp
Youth will learn simple painting techniques while using a variety of paint mediums. For ages 8-13.

Time: 2:30-4 p.m.
Rec Center: Duluth & Case
Cost: Free

July 24-28
Spoken Word Camp
Explore identity through Spoken Word/Poetry which gives students a voice that can inspire, move, and provoke change. With an emphasis on storytelling, content, and poetry, participants will be engaged into Spoken Word and Hip Hop song writing through creative writing, performance poetry with cultural references, and energetic hip hop with a message. The program will cover ways we can make impacts on social issues through our words and representing our identity and nurture dynamic writers and performers. On the last day of camp from 4-6 p.m., the campers will perform their Spoken Word creation for family and friends. For ages 12-17.

Time: 4:45-6 p.m.
Rec Center: Duluth & Case
Cost: Free

July 26
Glitter and Glow Art Camp
What rules supreme in your child’s world? Art projects that glitter or glow-in-the-dark? No need for your child to choose when you sign them up for this art camp! We will work with a variety of art supplies including clay, glow-in-the-dark paint, and of course, lots and lots of glitter! The kids will create snow globes that glow-in-the-dark, butterflies that shimmer and glitter, an Eiffel Tower with stars that twinkle, and so much more. Glitter and glow… here we go! Please pack a nut free snack, lunch and a drink for your child. For ages 5-13.

Time: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Rec Center: Phalen
Cost: $78

August 2
Our Littlest Fan’s Favorite Art Camp with KidCreate
This camp is packed full of fun favorites! From paper mâché bowls, projects that glow-in-the-dark, and messy clay masterpieces these are the Kidcreate projects our campers will preform on the last day of camp from 4-6 p.m., the campers will perform their Spoken Word creation for family and friends! For ages 5-13.

You got somethin’ to say? Say it here!
The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes — send yours to:
daytonshiftdistrictforum@gmail.com

Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

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Deadline for the August issue of the Forum is July 10, 2023.
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 daytons-bluffdistrictforum.org. Click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytons-bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Bay Bay’s Eastside Eatery
1087 Arcade St.
St. Paul, MN 55106
Phone: 651-797-4572
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday 3-11 p.m.
Closed Sunday and Monday
Facebook: @Bay Bay’s Eastside Eatery or @RowenaHudo1234
Doordash available

I knew that Bay Bay’s Eastside Eatery has been around three years serving soul food. I somehow thought that it was not a sit-down restaurant like the other venues I have visited and I was relieved. But I called and was assured there were tables. So, I started out in the Taste Trek. But I called and was as surprised as the other venues I have visited to have curbside service and online ordering. I announced that I was going to order but was there everyone carried their food home. Below are some of the possibilities using their capitalize:

- SANDWICHES: Meat Lovers with steak, chicken, Italian beef, gyro, lettuce cheese, mayo, and tomatoes; Steak Philly that has lettuce, onion, green pepper, tomatoes, Swiss cheese, and mayo. There is a Crispy Chicken Sandwich consisting of Lettuce, Onions, Mustard, Ketchup, Pickles, Tomatoes, and a Fish sandwich including Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, mustard, add cheese .50
- BURGERS: Regular burger has Mayo, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and onion. The Thrill Burger has chicken patties, Gyro, Lettuce, Onions, Mayo, and Tomato, Add cheese for .50.
- TACOS: They can be filled with Steak and there is a Super Taco, made with lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, salsa, and sour cream. Chicken Super Taco, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, onions, salsa, and sour cream. Chicken Combo, fish, shrimp chicken drummies. Fish portions range from two to four, six or eight.

Some of the specials are Italian beef and a Wings & Gizzards Combo. They are proud of their “Bay Bay Fried Rice” and whole chicken pieces. Dinner combos offer Veggie, Shrimp, Steak, or 5 rib tips.

SIDES AND DRINKS: Include fries, potato salad, okra, and cheese fries. Drinks are Sprite, orange, grape cider ale, Pepsi, and water.

There is a special on Saturday according to a poster on the wall. You can choose Roast or Smothered Ox Tail, corn bread candy yams and mac and cheese. Dessert is home-made butter cookies. There is another poster that features Taco Tuesdays with various combos and number of tacos.

In case you want to know what I ordered, I opted for a cheeseburger and a side of fries.

While the owner was very busy, I was able to talk a bit. She says she was born in Kankakee, Illinois in an African American family where her mother taught her how to cook. She came to Minnesota in the early 2000s. And I found out why the Restaurant was called Bay Bay. That it is the owner and chef’s nickname among friends.

By the way, you can use the internet to read their on-line menu.

City of Saint Paul Pauses Applications for the Downpayment Assistance and Homeowner Rehab Programs, including Inheritance Fund Programs

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 $1,000 to produce per month. We have found a new printer and have adjusted the cost to print each month.

For the past three years we have been soliciting donations through our Friends of the Forum program. Thanks to the donations from 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 consider making a donation in 2023. Our goal for 2023 is $2,500. will you help us reach our goal?

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