# Dayton's Bluff DistrictForum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## **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 sub-

- 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.







Greg Cosimini

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.



**Brad Griffith** 

The 1884 Seventh Street Improvement Arches.

## **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**

dom Days Parade & pre-fireworks family colorful parade starting at 11 a.m., then

party. Johnny Cake Ridge Park East: 5800 140th St W, Apple Valley.

#### **July 2, 3** Interna-Hmong tional Freedom Festival

The Hmong International Freedom Festi-

val returns to Como Park for the annual soda, games, music, a bouncy house, and celebration of Hmong history and culture a great view to enjoy the fireworks! We in the United States. The sports-centric have parking, but it's limited. First come Hmong American community and also blanket for the firework show\*\* Bring features delicious food stands, merchan- your friends, family, kids! See you then! dise booths, and performances. 1440 Duckwood Dr. Eagan.

#### July 3 **Bloomington Summer Fete**

Food vendors, live music, and fire- Festival works at dusk. Plus a kids carnival and kids stage for special entertainment. 5-10 wrap up with a grand parade. Sweet treat p.m. Normandale Lake Park, W 84th St alert: the festival's free ice cream social & Chalet Rd, Bloomington,.

#### Light Up Maplewood

Join us for our annual Light It Up event at Hazelwood Park. There will once again be food trucks, family games/actived by The Dog House, live music by Skitzo Fonik and a fireworks show at ly/ dusk. 1663 County Road C E, St Paul.

# Forest Lake Fourth of July

Carnival & entertainment each day; parade, fireworks on the Fourth. Parade starts at 6<sup>th</sup> 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 cityofroseville.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 On the Fourth of July, catch the Free- early morning distance race. Enjoy the

> 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 &

event is considered the Olympics of the first serve. Bring your own lawn chair or

#### **July 4 and 7-16** Pan-O-Prog — Lakeville's Summer

Start out with 4th of July fireworks and is July 12. Enjoy a classic cool one. For more information, go to panoprog.org/.

For more information about these familyfuntwincities.com/twin-cities-juities, inflatables, adult beverages provid- ly-family-festivals/ and visitsaintpaul.com/blog/a-mysaintpaul-fourth-of-ju-

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

# The Crucible at The **Historic Mounds Theater**

## June 30-July 8

Penelope Parsons-Lord

Before QAnon, before the Satanic Panic, before the Red Scare, there was the Salem Witch trials. Superstition turned into paranoia, which became 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'm just not that interested. They are not for me, they don't concern me, and I have no interest in seeing them.

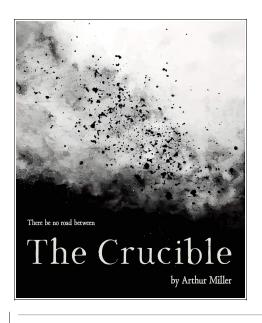
With "The Crucible," Miller had an urgent and crucial reason to tell this story. Knowing that he was writing about Mccarthyism at a time when doing so could have seen him blacklisted, brings even more potency to this world. It reminds us that as long as we humans keep repeating these same mistakes, we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

Hang Fire Productions presents Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," playing at the Historic Mounds Theater June 30 - July

Visit moundstheatre.org for showtimes and ticket info. And for more information about Hang Fire Productions, check out our website:

penelope-parsonslord.com/the-crucible-hang-fire-productions.







# 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, 214 4th St. E. St. Paul. Questions? Contact

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

## **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 hosts their monthly meetings for commuupdates and neighborhood events.

For more information, email Michel Taylor at taylor672@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 daytonsbluffdistrictforum@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 appli-

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

## **Police Community Meetings**

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police nity members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Policing meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call or email Robyn at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

## **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

Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500 MN Community Care: 651-266-1290 American Indian Family Center: 651-

CLUES: 612-746-3550. YMCA: 763-493-3052 Face-to-Face: 651-224-9644

## **New National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

#### Number

988 has been designated as the new callers to the National Suicide Preven-911.

#### **Xcel Phone Numbers**

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999.

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 make sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'nodig' 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 ing you and serving your neighborhood 3 p.m. needs. All are welcome.

## Free Legal Services for **Low-Income People**

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to **smrl**three-digit dialing code that will route s.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government tion Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 just benefits, housing, education, seniors, and launched as an alternative to calling 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, SM-RLS will provide one.

> Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.



June 30, July 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8: The Crucible. All performances at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday July 2 at 2:30 p.m. and an added matinee on Saturday July 8 at 2:30 p.m. See Mounds Theatre website for more details and tickets as information becomes available.

Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get more information on upcoming events.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

#### **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 board members. Looking forward to see- Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2 to

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

a part of summer break are:

Dayton's Bluff Library, 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> 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 more free books to keep.

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.

Complete goals and get free books to keep at home: As kids and teens complete their goals, they get additional free MELSA Summer at Your Library. books to add to their personal library. Library staff intentionally focus on selecting and purchasing popular books that appeal to Saint Paul's diverse communities of kids, and center around BIPOC authors, creators, and characters.

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.

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 2-3 p.m., starting July 18. Dayton's Bluff will also be serving snacks to kids The top five reasons for families to under 18 on Saturdays from 1-2 p.m. make the Summer Spark reading program Dayton's Bluff also hosts a program for teens each Tuesday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Getting started is easy: Stop by the Arlington Hills Library, 1200 Payne Avenue, hosts Createch, a maker space for teens, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

Most students in Saint Paul can check out books, e-books, audiobooks, and summer progresses, participants can re- more with Library Go, a library card for turn to the library and choose up to two students that uses their student ID number as a library card number. Saint Paul Personalized challenges make reading Public Schools, and many charter fun and keep kids busy: With Summer schools, automatically enroll their students in Library Go. There are no fines and no financial risks to families who borrow items with 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

#### **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.



# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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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 reflect 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 East 3rd 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 aided Ali Artoli — the Phoenix grocery store owner in got folks out of the building, but these old articles say differ-

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 Husnik, 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 contacted 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 luckterri13@gmail.com.



# Art in the Hollow 2023 a Success!

Benjamin Mason

As summer roared in with over 90degree 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 puttering with 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 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 looming in ruins over the park and threatening to crumble altogether, is part of the festival's entrance. This year, JB Vang, 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 historic site. If executed, these plans would include a convenient new path to the park from Minnehaha, centered around 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

Photos to the right provided by Art in the Hollow.



# Walking Around the about them. I took a photo of one of **Bluff**

G.B. LeRoy

It looked like a nice day on the first Saturday of June in 2023, so I thought I Hollow.

I liked the fact that it was a venue for borhood who would have a table.

I found at least three, and here is a bit them, as well.

Ben Grilanger, who is featured below, was at Art in the Hollow. He started his business on Conway Street and moved to the Payne-Phalen area on the East Side. He did say that Art in the Hollow helped him stay in the endeavor. He was only would take my usual visit to Art in the one of the artisans from the East Side who was there.

Two developing artists from Dayton's young artists, and I wondered if there Bluff are Laxmi Westby, who makes earwere people from the surrounding neigh- rings, and Scarlett Okonek, who uses paints. Both are in elementary school.







## **Parks & Recreation Unveils New Park Signage**

Ramsey County

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation and the Metropolitan Council celebrated new and welcoming art signs for park

The artwork was designed and created by five artists who represent different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The goal is to bring a unique and vi-

brant lens to the traditional park sign, aligning with Ramsey County's 21st Century Park Vision and strategic priority, to create a sense of belonging for all and advance racial equity and inclusion.

The artists featured are: Andrés Guzmán, CRICE, Mar-Xee Reiter, lena Myles, Witt Siasoco. View a short video with the art and artists at youtu.be/pKmmAKRTjhg.

View the new art at Keller Regional Park, 2161 Maplewood Drive Maplewood. Parking lot entrance is at the intersection of Highway 61 and County Road B.



(a) Dayton's Bluff District Forum

## **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 making holes for the steel piles! Watch, mer and you're already paying for it.

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 and Leo's Chow Mein. See the giant drill earth, but it's something to do this sum-

## St. Paul July History

Steve Trimble

July 4, 1892: An event on July 4, 1892, became known as "the Noble Riot." Percival Noble, an Englishman residing at 258 Bates, decided to fly the British flag on a pole in front of the home on Independence Day. John DeCourcy, who lived nearby, ran to the house, pulled down the foreign banner, folded it, handed it to its owner and protested in the name of the founding fathers.

As soon as DeCourcy left, Noble sent the Union Jack up again, this time cutting the rope. DeCourcy returned and began climbing the pole. Noble attacked him with a horsewhip. Another nearby resident arrived on the scene and punched Noble in the nose. This allowed DeCourcy to seize the whip and start flailing. Noble retreated into his house. Other neighbors arrived and tore pieces 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 defaming 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 ation of the National Association for the States."

July 6, 1974: Garrison Keillor hosted the first radio broadcast of A Prairie Home Companion on this day. It was held in the Janet Wallace Auditorium of Macalester College and 12 people were in the audience. The gate totaled eight dollars. The second episode featured the first performance on the show by Butch Thompson who became house pianist and stayed as a regular on the program.

The format of music, guest artists and Keillor monologues, including "News from Lake Woebegone" caught on and the show eventually had four million listeners on more than 600 public radio stations across the country. His many books include Lake Wobegon Days, The Book of Guys, Pilgrims: A Wobegon Romance, and Guy Noir and the Straight Skinny. He was the host of the daily program The Writer's Almanac and the editor of several anthologies of poetry, most recently, Good Poems: American Places.

In 1978, the show moved into the World Theater in St. Paul, which was renovated and renamed the Fitzgerald Theater in 1994. Keillor walked away from the show he created in 1987 but changed his mind and stepped back behind the microphone in 1989. The show traveled some, but

home base is still the Fitzgerald Theater.

July 9, 1902: On this day, St. Paul hosted the most important African American political event of the year — the annual meeting of the National Afro-American for the hottest day ever recorded in St. Jews were being slaughtered so his family Council (NAAC). St. Paul lawyer Freder- Paul. There were 24 heat related deaths fled and immigrated to St. Paul via Canaick McGhee organized it and hoped it that brought the nine-day total to 240. da when Katkov was two years old. He would produce a more united and effec- With little home air conditioning at the grew up on the West Side Flats, a largely tive national civil rights organization.

the most politically active African Ameri- that "we've sold everything in stock with for, and edited, the school paper and litercans of the early 1900s. Some remain a blade on it that would turn." Newspa- ary journal. He then went to the Universiwell-known today: sociologist W. E. B. pers listed names and addresses of victims ty of Minnesota and gained a journalism DuBois, anti-lynching crusader Ida B. with bits of information. Washington himself.

chine slyly won control of the entire conlake. vention and saw its slate of officers electmore than criticism of his approach to people were brought to hospitals and a magazines, including Collier's and The race problems and his seeming acquies- few died there. Hospital treatment includ- Saturday Evening Post. Unfortunately, the cence to disfranchisement and segregation ed water, sodium chloride, and cold cloths public's interest in magazine stories began in the South.

gara Movement. It led in 1910 to the cre- sweltering weather. Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

brother. Born in Iowa, her family moved Street. to St. Paul, where she attended Madison Prior to the union, Ford was a difficult Sunisa got into gymnastics as a young plane after her fourth flight.

Still in her teens, Fairgrave began wing Minneapolis. male to receive an airplane mechanics li- was transferred to a UAW local in Minne- and she enrolled at Auburn University.

cense and became the first licensed fe- apolis. male transport.

July 14, 1936: The thermometer read and screenwriter, was born on this day in 108 degrees on this day setting a record the Ukraine when it was part of Russia.

Wells-Barnett, T. Thomas Fortune, One said 92-year-old Charles Hare, who He worked for the Pioneer Press and founder of the NAAC's predecessor, had been in St. Paul since 1856, died in penned two novels set in St. Paul. Eagle the Afro-American League; and Booker T. his home. In fact, most of the reports said at My Eyes (1948) centered around the that people had passed away where they challenges of intermarriage and an-They met in the senate chambers of the lived and a few expired in hotels. An ti-Semitism. A Little Sleep, a Little Slum-State Capitol where Booker T. Washing- eight-year-old boy drowned "after being ber (1949) was about the struggles of a ton's more conservative Tuskegee ma- overcome by heat" while swimming in a Jewish family of undocumented immi-

ed. Before the St. Paul convention, resis- tal ambulances were busy, so a library a job as a newspaper feature writer. After tance to Washington amounted to little truck was fit with a stretcher and many a time, he quit the paper and focused on on the head, neck, and chest and to wane, thanks to the dawn of television. The event in St. Paul united DuBois and serious cases were put into ice packs. For- Katkov struggled and took his family to McGhee in an alliance. In 1905, they with tunately, on July15 a cool front with the California and worked in television that Trotter and others, formed the rival Nia- first rain in a month happily ended the he actually detested. He liked writing

> July 18, 1941: The Twin Cities Ford plant workers were issued charter #879 on

July 26, 1918: Norman Katkov, novelist

time, people relied on fans. An owner of Jewish neighborhood. He graduated from Those who gathered included many of an electric implement wholesaler reported Humboldt High School in 1935 and wrote

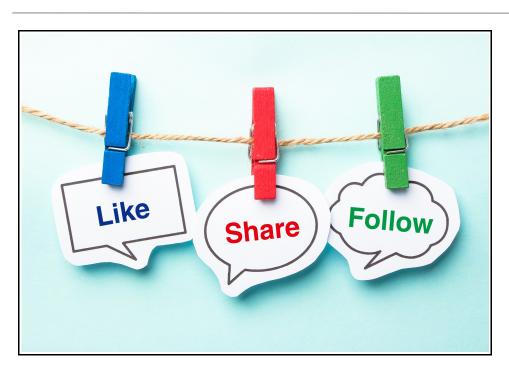
degree in 1940.

Police emergency equipment and hospi- Katkov moved to New York in 1951, for novels and finished several more before

July 29, 2021: St. Paul native Sunisa this day by the UAW-CIO. A few weeks "Suni" Lee won the women's overall July 10, 1921: Twenty-one-year-old earlier, 900 workers at a meeting signed champion gymnastics gold medal in the Phoebe Fairgrave set a women's world union membership cards, giving the need- Tokyo Olympic games on this day. She record for a high-altitude parachute jump ed majority under the national labor also gained silver and bronze medals for by dropping from 15,200 feet on this day. agreement signed in Detroit. The local other events. It was the first time a She bailed out from a plane flown by her initially opened an office at 444 Rice Hmong person had ever participated in the Olympics.

School and graduated from Mechanic Arts place to work. Job security was an issue seven-year-old, after a teacher told her High School in 1920. Shortly after and the plant shut down for several years about the sport. She started watching graduating high school, Fairgrave spent a during the Depression. Employees could YouTube videos of Olympic competifew months at drama school and worked be dismissed without cause. There were tions, saying, "Once I started, I just couldbriefly as a secretary. But she was bored frequent "line speedups," and pressure n't stop. It looked so fun, and I wanted to and began hanging around airfields near from efficiency engineers. There were try it myself." Her father taught her how her home. The pilots were skeptical, but "company spies" and workers risked fir- to do flips on the bed and, since the local Phoebe learned to fly flight time and used ing if they attended union meetings that recreation center had no balance beam, he some of her inheritance to purchase a bi- were held at a variety of locations, from built one that still stands in their back bars to public parks and the CIO office in yard. It took her and her family's persistence to make it happen.

walking, learned how to hang below a From the start, the union needed to pro- Her parents, John Lee and Yeev Thoj, plane by her teeth, and danced on the top tect the members, as the plant was being were refugees from Laos and struggled to of wings. One of her supporters was Ver- converted from civilian production to mil- become successful in Minnesota. There non Omlie, a flyer who would become itary production during World War II. As were some trying times when her father her husband in 1922. She became well car production was phased out, labor lead-fell from a tree and was paralyzed below known by winning air races throughout ers lobbied to keep auto workers em- the chest just before the U.S. Champithe country. In 1925, the Omlies moved to ployed in defense industries. In spite of onships. Sunisa wanted to stay with him, Tennessee and began offering flying an attempt to keep the doors open, Ford but he convinced her to attend. Unlike lessons and mechanical services. A year closed the plant in 2011. The charter was most famed gymnasts she decided to go later, in 1927, Phoebe became the first fe-terminated and responsibilities for retirees to college instead of going professional



## **Notice of Draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review** (AUAR) Update for **Highland Bridge**

City of St. Paul

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

The AUAR study area encompasses approximately 139 acres in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The University of Saint Thomas, in cooperation with Ryan Companies US, Inc., is proposing to develop a portion of the study area south of Montreal Avenue into new ballfield facilities. The City is updating the AUAR and Mitigation Plan adopted in 2019 per Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7.

Three development scenarios were evaluated in the Draft AUAR Update. Two of the 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-City of Saint Paul will address agency comments and then adopt the AUAR Update.

# **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, 10-15 minute, allday service in both directions, seven days a week. The planned 10-mile route is between St. Paul and Woodbury with bus- through traffic between Maria Avenue only lanes being constructed generally and Maple Street. Crews will reconstruct north of and near Interstate 94. It will be- the road and sidewalks, replace undercome 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 2023. 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 westbound I-94 entrance ramp from Ruth 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.

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

\* Near the intersection of Earl Street cavate and construct retaining walls, in- sit.org or call 651-602-1919. stall steel piles for retaining walls, and work on the Earl Street bridge. Side- Greg Cosimini

walks on Earl Street will be repoured by the end of June.

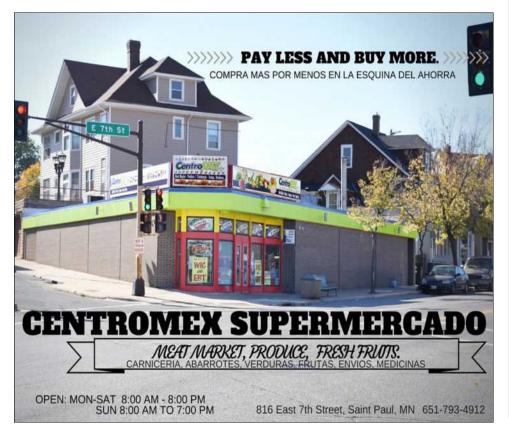
- \* Earl Street is closed over I-94 between Hudson Road and Pacific Street. The closure continues until early summer 2023. Follow the posted detour route along Burns Avenue, Johnson Parkway, and 3rd Street.
- \* The eastern half of Hudson Road between Cypress Street and Earl Street is closed into early 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 ground utilities, and construct bus-only
- 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
- \* The Maple Street pedestrian/bike bridge over I-94 closes for reconstruction in mid-July.
- \* Ruth Street is closed over I-94 and the 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.

This is a very complex and dynamic project so changes to this schedule could occur. For updated information on the Gold Line project, questions, comments or concerns visit metrotransit.org/goldand Hudson Road, crews continue to ex- line-project, email goldline@metrotran-

Photos to the right all provided by



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## 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 located at Allianz Field 400 Snelling Ave N. Lot B, Saint Paul from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*In case of rainout, event will move to Wednesday, July 12.

# **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.



# Happening at Rec Centers in the Area

#### **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 12-17. 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 your unique creations with Eastside Arts. 5-13. 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 Camp with KidCreate

mer Rec Check program, Outdoor Advenwill take place outdoors. Participants are child each day. For ages 3-7. 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 651-793-6600. For KidCreate ages 9-13.

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

#### July 19 Roblox with KidCreate

the virtual world and into the coolest art 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 preform their Spoken Word creation for family and friends. For ages

Time: 4-6 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-inthe-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-thedark, butterflies that shimmer and glimmer, an Eiffel Tower with stars that twinkle, and so much more. Glitter and glow... here we go! Please pack a nut free snack, day using a variety of materials to make lunch and a drink for your child For ages

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

## August 2, 3 Our Littlest Fan's Favorite Art

This camp is packed full of fan favorites! Outdoor Adventures Camp is a free pro- From papier mâché bowls, projects that gram for youth similar to our popular Sum- glow-in-the-dark, and messy clay masterpieces these are the Kidcreate projects our tures Camp offers a variety of structured littlest students love the most! All of them activities that allow for participants to con- are put together in one very popular camp. nect with their peers while keeping their This is the stuff the kids can't get enough "space" to allow for social distancing. Ac- of and is guaranteed to be an artsy good tivities will include arts and crafts, nature time! Come ready to get messy while you exploration, games, swimming, fitness, play right along with your child. Please outdoor cooking and more. All activities pack a nut free snack and drink for your

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

## August 9, 10 The Messiest Art Camp Ever! With

Does your young artist love to get messy? So do we! We'll paint with plaster, sculpt with gooey gunk, make paper maché dragonflies and fling paint like Jackson Pollock. We will even learn some art terms along the way. These are not projects to tackle at home — leave the mess with us. Calling all Robloxians! Take a step out of Making a mess is the best! For ages 5-10.

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





Greg Cosimini

Some of the trees located between the new skatepark and the existing parking lot at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center are part of a University of Minnesota study being funded by the National Science Foundation. The Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) project studies the effect of urban trees on stormwater. The unusual devices on and under the trees are monitoring devices that measure and record various types of data. For more information visit mspurbanlter.umn.edu.

# **Battle Creek Waterworks and Beaches Open for 2023 Season**

Ramsey County

Battle Creek Waterworks is open for the 2023 season. The water park is the perfect destination for families with children age 10 and under. Come cool off in the zero-entry pool, hang out on the water play structure, or take a spin down the big water slide. With a sand play area and poolside chairs to relax on, there's something for everyone to enjoy at Waterworks.

Admission: Adults and kids - \$7, Twilight (after 5 p.m.) - \$5, Children under 12

Waterworks is open daily from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., through August 20. Waterworks may close early based on weather or low attendance. Early closings will be noted on the Waterworks page and Facebook.

Beaches:

Beach hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes past sunset. Lifeguard services are available at Lake McCarrons Thursday-Sunday, noon-8 p.m. All other county swimming beaches are unguarded. Buoys designating the swim areas will be out until Labor Day. Other public beaches include: Lake Gervais County Park, Lake Josephine County Park, Lake McCarrons County Park, Lake Owasso County Park, Long Lake Regional Park, Tony Schmidt Regional Park, Turtle Lake County Park, Vadnais-Snail Lakes Regional Park, and White Bear Lake County Park.

Call 911 in case of an emergency.

Groups looking to organize an event at a guarded Ramsey County beach must secure a Reservation Permit (PDF). Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the event date and are available on a first-come, first served basis. Groups are free to use unguarded beaches at their own risk.

Beach water quality:

Ramsey County regularly tests beaches for water quality during beach season each year. Visit the Open Data Portal to learn more about the most commonly tested for contaminant - E. coli.

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

The Dayton's Bluff District Forum welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes – send yours to:

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

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the *Forum*.

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 takes a little while and they will make to four, six or eight. restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

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

#### **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 @RowenaHudson1234 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 in the Taste Trek. But I called and was assured there were tables. So, I started out Pickles, Tomatoes, and a Fish sandwich, to drive up Arcade and got there around 6 p.m. Although there were no parking mustard, add cheese .50 spots right in front, I easily found one on Magnolia just around the corner.

walls were painted gray and there were cheese for .50. not a lot of decorations. The floor is tiled in gray and there are three medium sized and there is a Super Taco, made with let-TVs. The east of the restaurant has a lot of tuce, cheese, tomatoes, salsa, and sour windows facing Arcade. And these days cream. Chicken Super Taco, lettuce, they have good air conditioning. There are cheese, tomatoes, onions, salsa, and sour five tables, not large, but a couple were cream. put together to serve several people.

your choices. The menu is on the wall Some of the specials are Italian beef and next to the ordering window. You can eat a Wings & Gizzards Combo. They are there, but while I was there everyone car- proud of their "Bay Bay Fried Rice" and ried their food home. Below are some of whole chicken pieces. Dinner combos ofthe possibilities using



capitalization:

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, including Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions,

BURGERS: Regular burger has Mayo, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, and onions. The The place is not large. I estimate that it Thrill Burger has chicken patties, Gyro, was around 25 feet by 18 feet or so. The Lettuce, Onions, Mayo, and Tomato, Add

TACOS: They can be filled with Steak

Chicken Combo, fish, shrimp chicken You order at a pickup window, and it drummies. Fish portions range from two

their fer 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

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

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

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

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

City of St. Paul

payment Assistance and the Homeowner Rehab programs, in- dreds of applicants currently on the waitlist, we look forward to cluding applications for the Rondo Inheritance Fund, following reopening the application process at a later date and continuing a high volume of applications. During this pause, staff will to support the long-term future of these programs."

process previously submitted applications in the order received. "We are thrilled with the interest in our housing assistance programs — it tells us we're providing a city service that's relevant to people's lives," said Mayor Melvin Carter. "Now, our focus is on getting funding out the door and into the hands of our residents."

These City of Saint Paul housing programs were developed to support the wealth-building opportunities provided by homeownership to low- and moderate-income households and to address racial disparities in homeownership.

"Interest skyrocketed after the exciting addition of the Inheritance Fund layer to the programs," said Saint Paul Housing Di-The City of Saint Paul has closed applications for the Down- rector Tara Beard. "As we focus our effort to serving the hun-

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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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