Meet NancyLee Dahlin — East Side Elders’ Executive Director
Mark Gallagher

NancyLee Dahlin’s first major job was working as a development director of programs in the public relations department for a nonprofit. In that position, she learned how to properly write goals and objectives, budgets, and how to pull together all the things her position required. “We had a fabulous board,” said Dahlin, “The board consisted of 3M, H.B. Fuller, and Deluxe Corporation. I learned from those guys, and I consider that training my master’s degree in understanding how business works with nonprofits.”

When Dahlin held the position in the public relations department, one of her tasks was to write a grant, but she had never written a grant before. So, she took a class from a group called the Grantmanship Center and learned about budgets and what grants are supposed to do for an organization. “Taking it from there,” Dahlin said, “I wrote a bunch of grants and became pretty successful at it, and one grant that was presented to me was for a new facility they were opening here.”

“In August of 2022, NancyLee Dahlin started her journey as the Executive Director of East Side Elders. “My intention,” Dahlin said, “was to never come to work at East Side Elders because I was going to finish with Adult Day at the Salvation Army (it was called Adult Day Care until the mid 1990s when the term ‘care’ was dropped because it was determined to be childish, and someone was offended). But her situation was changed by a single phone call.”

“The Chicago headquarters of the Salvation Army asked me to be a mentor/facilitator for their last remaining Adult Day program in this area of Mason City, Iowa. I was getting in my car to go there for three days of meetings, when my phone rang — the caregiving phone. It was Janet Golden, then the Executive Director of East Side Elders, and she said, ‘I want you to know, I just got your resume.’ And I said, ‘I don’t know, I didn’t send it out to you.’ Then Golden said, ‘It came from another Block Nurse Program, and you would be perfect to work here.”

So, Dahlin accepted the position because she saw the opportunity and the great need here on the East Side. She likes to say that she has an affinity and a need here on the East Side. She ended up just losing an $80,000 grant from the Department of Human Services. NancyLee Dahlin had her work cut out for her.

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Activities include a Fun Run, which for a fee of $25, gets you a two-mile run, commemorative t-shirt, and unlimited bragging rights (visit grandave.com to register). If running isn’t your cup of (iced) tea (hey, this is a summer event, afterall), you can kick off your Grand Old Day experience with the Grand Avenue Business Association’s (GABA) parade, which is the official start to the day’s festivities at 9 a.m.

If running isn’t your thing, grab a treat, a beverage, and your leash and dog, iguana, pig, or other animal buddy and enjoy live music all along the avenue. For more information on vendors and attractions as it becomes available, visit the Grand Old Day page on Facebook, face book.com/Grand.Old.Day.mn.

St. Paul Farmers’ Market at Union Depot
Shop Local for Spring

Ready for summer? The Saint Paul Farmers’ Market will be popping up at Union Depot. Grab a friend and shop fresh spring favorites! Come get lunch from food vendors, grab a recipe card with directions using items from our vendors, and support local.

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. Saint Paul Questions? Contact 651-262-2700.

Upcoming dates: June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25.
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When Dahlin first started writing grants, she swore that she would never work for an organization that was funded mainly by grants, but here she is at East Side Elders, which is funded mainly by grants. “We get funded by grants from the state,” Dahlin said, “and the Title 3 is from the federal government. The position of the person writing the grant is to understand and know what the grant is about and be able to interpret the instructions while putting it together. There could be a number of reasons why a grant is rejected. If you miss one section, some grantees will push you out. So, even if we have been restating it for years, and even if the need is so great, the grantees will still reject the grant if there is one thing wrong.”

According to some statistics Dahlin saw, there used to be 150 or so volunteers before she started work as the Executive Director. There were a lot of drivers, many people who did basic chores, and others who just helped out where there was a need. But, because of COVID, East Side Elders and a lot of other organizations that serve and support seniors and depend on volunteers, were hurting because they lack volunteers. “And, also because of COVID,” Dahlin said. “I think we lost a lot of volunteers because the seniors didn’t want to come out of their houses, and the ‘baby boomers,’ also known as seniors, are usually the ones who volunteer.”

The Block Nurse Program was started by two nurses in the St. Anthony area as the “Living at Home/Block Nurse Program” in 1981, who saw a need in their community, and helped the senior neighbors needed just a little extra care. Being nurses, that’s what we do, then they thought, how can we do this in other neighborhoods? That’s how the network started forming, and now they are all over the state. East Side Elders is the largest Block Nurse Program in the metro area.

The following paragraph is taken from The Living at Home Network webpage: The Living at Home Network (LAHN) program model is rooted in work with elders, their caregivers, home health and senior-serving organizations, and Minnesota communities. Citizens come together to do the hard work and organizing needed for developing this local, volunteer-driven model.

Dayton’s Bluff Seniors (DBS) Living at Home Block Nurse Program started in 2008 to serve seniors in the Dayton’s Bluff area. In 2015, it was approached by leadership from Payne/Phalen Elders, another Block Nurse Program to share of-

cover how you can get college credit for what you already know. You’ll get the answers you need to find, fund, and select the right degree program for you. Sign up today at metrotstate.edu/open-house.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts their monthly meetings for community members at the Eastern District Police Office at 722 Payne Avenue, on the corner of Payne and Minnesota 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. Police meetings are held at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your questions!

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 down and/or rent assistance through FHPAP: Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500
MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
American Indian Family Center: 651-793-3803
CLUES: 612-746-3550,
YMCA: 763-493-3052,
Face-to-Face: 651-224-9641

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 as a number to call during a crisis.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Call 811 before you dig. Before starting that roto-tiller or excavate that show-er, call 811. At no charge. Xcel will have a trained techni- cian 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, June 19, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street. To accept the Board of Directors, recognize your name, 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 see- ing you and serving your neighborhood tasks. All are welcome.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Superior Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-573-2945 or legal smrsls.org if you qualify for legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you’re behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SMLRS will provide one.

June 30, July 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8: The Cru- cible. All performances at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday July 2 at 2 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 up- coming events.

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

Community Garden Plots Available

Skidmore Park Community Garden has plots that are available to the public. Located near East Street and East 4th Street. Cost is $20 per season. Grants are available. For more informa- tion or to request an application, email seve@skidmoregardens@gmail.com.
May I Please Earn Your Vote?  
Alexander Bourne

My name is Alexander Bourne (He/Him/His). I am the Founding Principal at Jostle Photography, Bourne Strategies, and Minnesota Rapid Response Coalition. My work includes facilitating the formation of successful businesses and community partnerships. I offer strategic advice to small businesses and local governments on sound policymaking and communications.

I am a veteran community organizer. I am committed to eliminating racial, gender, healthcare, housing, climate, education, and economic barriers, while working collaboratively to create inclusive solutions. My work is driven by the challenges of our community. I understand how our Saint Paul business. I am ready to do business on behalf of all St. Paul residents. That includes supporting a budget that centers community members and adequately funds our 12 departments.

I am the leader in this race that has the fortitude, transferable skills and lived experiences to best add value to the East Side and St. Paul. I am ready to serve as a 33-year-old man in

The Dayton’s Bluff Library is Reading for Summer Fun

The annual Summer Spark reading program for children 3–18 begins on June 1 and runs through August 31. Summer Spark encourages kids and teens to get into books with a visit to the library to sign up, pick up a reading log, and pick out a free book to keep.

Summer Fun Kickoff: June 10, 2:43-30 p.m.
Join us on the grassy area on 7th Street for the library to sign up for Summer Spark and enjoy a Story Stroll, get your face painted, have a snack, take a selfie, and more. The grand finale is a presentation of Tucker's Robot by Open Eye Puppet Theater, an all-ages puppet show. This Summer Fun Kickoff is offered in collaboration with Metro State University. For more information on what is happening for Summer Spark go to: sppl.org/summerfun

Story Theater with Children’s Theater Company: Saturdays, June 17-25, Noon Families of young children can enjoy an interactive storytelling that uses imaginative play, collaborative story-telling, sensory activities, and music to explore beloved children's books. Story theater uses props, puppets, and musical instruments to spur imagination, collaboration, and creativity.

Other new programs at the library:
- Open Lab: Make an appointment or drop in on Thursdays between 4-6 p.m. to get one-on-one help getting connected, navigating online tools, and more. We offer comfortable spaces to job search, interview (over Zoom), or work on your resume, and we can help you with:
  - Wi-Fi, printing, copying, scanning, and faxing.
  - Navigating technology such as email, Google Drive, Office, Zoom, etc.
  - Connecting to resources to help you land your next opportunity!

East Side Seed Library
Get your garden growing with the new East Side Seed Library, offered in collaboration with West Side Seed Library and Urban Roots. Unlike other library materials, no library card transaction is required to take seeds.

Gardening resources will also be available.

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.
Alexander's Ward 7 Resume:

- Provided free laundry to over 900 families so far
- Solicited, received, managed and redistributed over 500,000 pounds of fresh fruit and produce to East Side families
- Provided $250 high-quality Thanksgiving meals over the last 5 years
- Donated nearly $50,000 to East Side businesses, nonprofits and scholarships
- Provided 120,000 face masks to help keep East Side families safe
- Partnered with RCSD to feed the community and advocate against gun violence
- Collected and redistributed essential items for unhoused neighbors
- Stood up for renters against slumlords
- Provided safe and stable housing to 3 families that has included women and children
- Organized a line for transportation for seniors on the East Side for 4 election cycles thus far
- Shovel community came out to help the commute for those with limited mobility
- Recommended an East Side business that was highlighted on a national TV show
- Helped dozens of East Side families navigate local government
- Helped hundreds of families access the internet
- Mentoring dozens of young men that once did bad things but does not anymore
- Prevented multiple crimes from being committed many times
- Provided gun locks to responsible gun owners
- Successfully fought for $15
- Worked to get everyone counted for census
- Fighting for reparations
- Fought for St. Paul Public School hate
- Helped to close Boys Totem Town
- Helped families create monthly budgets to lift themselves out of poverty
- Helped to keep teachers safe
- Volunteer photographer for Harding High School Boys Basketball teams
- shovel giveaways for seniors every winter
- Successfully helped Ramsey County residents receive emergency assistance twice in a calendar year during COVID-19
- Successfully advocated for the vote which expanded voting for many East Side residents
- Registered hundreds of East Side voters
- Fighting for better organized trash collection
- Helped dozens access quality rentals by having direct access to great property owners
- Cleaning up public transportation stops
- Working with business owners to access small business resources
- Working with community members to better understand local government taxation and budgeting
- Successfully and positively placed the East Side and St. Paul on a national platform
- Working to permanently showcase African American heritages through public art on the East Side
- Advocating for two workers driving trains to prevent railroad-related deaths on the East Side
- Riding, walking and standing with unions, activists and correcting at every turn
- Created an ecosystem that everyone feels a part of on the East Side

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The Vets Fest Held June 10

Mac's Cafe

This Year The Vets Fest (s) will be held on three different dates at three different locations: The first Vets Fest for 2023 will be held on June 10 outside and under the tent at Shaws Bar in NE Minneapolis, the second Vets Fest will be held at an even in the Minneapolis area on Saturday, June 10, and the third Vets Fest will be held at the Blue VFW. The event is made possible because of the efforts of Pat Macloughlin and The Vets for Music Organization. The Mission of Vets for Music is to bring live entertainment to Veterans who are residing at Veterans rest homes. There are five such Veterans rest homes in the State of Minnesota, and Pat Macloughlin's goal is to play all five of them in 2023.

The first Vets Fest on June 10 at Shaws Bar in NE Minneapolis featured some of the best live music in the Twin Cities area, featuring the best of the Twin Cities band and the Blaine VFW. The event was made possible because of the efforts of Pat Macloughlin and The Vets for Music Organization. The Mission of Vets for Music is to bring live entertainment to Veterans who are residing at Veterans rest homes. There are five such Veterans rest homes in the State of Minnesota, and Pat Macloughlin's goal is to play all five of them in 2023.

The second Vets Fest will be held in July (Date to Be Announced) at the Roseville VFW and the third In August (Date to be announced) at the Blaine VFW. The event is made possible because of the efforts of Pat Macloughlin and The Vets for Music Organization. The Mission of Vets for Music is to bring live entertainment to Veterans who are residing at Veterans rest homes. There are five such Veterans rest homes in the State of Minnesota, and Pat Macloughlin's goal is to play all five of them in 2023.
The East Side Skate Park

Park of Dreams

Mandy Olson

If you build it, they will come. Members of the East Side Skate Park Taskforce have lofty aspirations: weather cooler than a ball field in the middle of nowhere. My apologies to the baseball fans, wait — no, y'all have two fields, I take that back, it’s time for alternative sports to get some love. The East Side Skatepark Taskforce doesn’t want just any skate park, they want THE skate park. A destination recreation space, a community hub celebrating skate culture that puts Herington Park on the map while honoring the historical and cultural significance of the space. To solicit design bids from contractors outside of the City of Saint Paul, the crew of skateboard enthusiasts took their case to the Senate and won! Supported by members of Saint Paul City Council, (Thanks, Jane Prince) and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation, The Taskforce pleaded their case to the Minnesota Senate who passed bill S.F. No. 433. Here’s the technical verbiage of the bill (penmed by Senator Foung Hawj):

S.F. 433 allows the City of St. Paul to solicit and award a design-build contract for a skate park in East Side Heritage Park in St. Paul. [Note Senator Hawj considers East Side one-word, it’s a thing] Under the municipal contracting law, a city is not authorized to use a design-build contracting process. Due to the unique design and construction characteristics of a skate park, firms specializing in these projects generally oversee the unique design and construction characteristics of a skate park, firms specializing in these projects generally oversee the unique design and construction characteristics of a skate park.

Design-build contracting process. Due to the unique design and construction characteristics of a skate park, firms specializing in these projects generally oversee both the design and the construction of the project. So, what does this all mean? Well, Heritage Park is going to transform into a destination skate park. After this bill is signed into law early May, it’s game on. According to taskforce member Eric Salinas, this Senate bill saved the day. Salinas or “Squeak-Eric,” as many folks call him, has been a vocal member of the Taskforce since its inception nearly two years ago. Eric finds time to attend meetings and promote pop-up events in between his full-time chef gig at Can Can Wonderland and DJ-ing at White Squirrel Bar. Eric attended the Senate hearing and shared some thoughts about the next moves of his Task Force crew:

“Last week there was a rally at the Capitol to get funds for skate parks in the state trying to raise upwards of 18 million dollars. If this passes, we could apply for that program. I think we could get up to a million dollars and whatever money you get from that program the state will match it.”

Spearheaded by nonprofit City of Skate, The MN Skate Park Grant program will fund the construction of world-class skate parks throughout Minnesota with matching grants. It just needs to pass the senate. According to cityofskate.org, there are currently 35+ skate park projects being developed in the state in need of funding. Please visit CityofSkate.org for more information on this grant program and to access a template to request the Senate pass bills and promote pop-up events in between his full-time chef gig at Can Can Wonderland and DJ-ing at White Squirrel Bar. Eric attended the Senate hearing and shared some thoughts about the next moves of his Task Force crew:

Don’t Spill the Best Kept Neighborhood Secret!

Jane Prince

A couple of weeks ago, I dropped into Roy’s Service Center with Sage Holben to learn more about Mike Voss and this legacy neighborhood business at the corner of Maria and East Third in Dayton’s Bluff.

Mike’s dad, Roy Voss went to work at the station when it opened in 1952. In 1956, Roy bought the business. In 1975, at the age of 12, Mike started pumping gas at the station. Eventually, Mike took over the family business when his dad retired in 1991. Thirty-two years later, Mike has earned the love and respect of everyone who knows him in Dayton’s Bluff.

Sage is among Mike’s many friends.

“Mike’s helped kids with their tires and bike chains, he’s been there for Metro State University employees and students,” she said. “Mike goes out of his way to help residents repair their cars as speedily as parts are available.

“Yeah, and it’s not just Mike,” Sage continued, “It’s his sister Barb, friends like Bill Kaphingst and so many others who care about Mike and his work ethic. Strangers become faithful customers and appreciate Mike’s community stability and commitment to our neighborhood.”

When Sage moved to Dayton’s Bluff in ’99, she tried another garage – and then Roy’s. “He’s been my one and only ever since,” she said. “I trust his opinion and work explicitly.”

Since I posted the photo of my visit to Roy’s Service Center on Facebook, it’s attracted 75 thumbs-up, hearts to date, and a host of testimonials:

“Mike is amazing and helps so many people in the neighborhood.”

Great place — good people and service.”

“Mike is the real deal! He is a true gem on the East Side. I appreciate his honesty and willingness to use used parts when he can. As a single mom, a trip to the mechanic can be daunting. Mike has always looked out for my family. So much gratitude for Mike!”

“Mike is the best!! Thank you for recognizing him and his service to our community.”

“Great East Side story about folks who can still afford to run a small independent business while supporting the neighborhood and their families.”

“We have used their services for 40 years. The most honest shop in town. Now my son goes there as well. I hope they never end their wonderful run in Dayton’s Bluff.

“Super service.”

“Jane Prince, don’t spill the neighborhood’s best kept secret!”

“Make sure to nominate him for the Saint Paul Business Awards,” wrote Benita Warns, co-owner with her husband of Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles in the Midway, and winner of the 2022 City of Saint Paul Business “Good Neighbor” Award. The Saint Paul Business Awards program will soon be accepting nominations for 2023 — watch the city’s website, at stpaul.gov/business/open-business/saint-paul-business-awards.

Mike was honored by the Dayton’s Bluff District Council in 2011 when he was added to the Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Honor Roll for his outstanding service to the community.

Dayton’s Bluff is a special place. Mike and his family’s legacy business is a good example of what makes it so special, and so are all the grateful friends and neighbors who know how lucky we are!
Harding Educator Michael Houston is 2023 Minnesota Teacher of the Year

Press Release from Education Minnesota

Michael Houston, a mathematics teacher at Harding High School in Saint Paul Public Schools, is the 2023 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Houston is the 59th recipient of the prestigious award, and the fifth from the St. Paul district, to be named Minnesota Teacher of the Year. Houston is a two-time finalist for the award, also having been named a finalist in 2017. An independent selection committee representing Minnesota leaders in education, business, and government chooses the Teacher of the Year from individuals who are nominated and who then choose to become a candidate.

Raised in a single-parent household by his mother with help from his grandparents, Houston was the first in his family to graduate from college, earning a bachelor’s degree from Concordia University St. Paul, and a master’s degree from Hamline University.

In addition to teaching at Harding, Houston also works as adjunct professor at Concordia, teaching math classes to prospective elementary teachers.

Houston’s 19-year career at Harding includes 18 years as a football coach — 10 of which he was head coach. At Harding, Houston is the mathematics department chair, a learning team facilitator and union steward.

“Michael is passionate about his students and works tirelessly to engage them in the study of mathematics,” wrote Kimberly Nichols, a Gordon Parks High School math teacher who previously worked with Houston at Harding and served with him on the SPPS district mathematics team. “His ability to engage all students, particularly students of color, is exceptional, partly due to his lived experiences as a teacher of color and to his determination to help all students achieve success.

He meets students where they are, and inspires them to learn deeply. His passion and dedication to equity and culturally responsive instruction has made a tremendous difference in the lives of the students he works with every single day.”

Houston says his teaching philosophy has always been centered upon creating classroom community. In the wake of the pandemic and the ongoing trauma our Harding students have endured, my goal every day is to make sure they have fun in their learning and know they are loved.”

Education Minnesota, the 86,000-member statewide educators union, organizes and underwrites the Teacher of the Year program. Candidates include pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers, EL/ELD and ABE teachers from public or private schools. The Minnesota Teacher of the Year Program also receives support from the following organizations: Aviben, Education Minnesota ESI, Educators Lifetime Solutions, EPS Advisors, Harvard Club of Minnesota Foundation, Tradition Mortgage and Expediti Credit Union.

Letter to the Editor

Reconnect Dayton’s Bluff

One good thing is coming out of the destruction of our neighborhood as Hudson Road was prepared to become a section of the Metro Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit system. As the trees, noise walls and berms are removed, along Hudson Road, we are getting a glimpse of what the area used to look like. "Residents on either side of I-94 can once again see each other and appreciate the area that now dead end on either side of the freeway were connected.

Then in the late 1940s, Highway 12 was upgraded. The south side of Hudson Road was destroyed, taking businesses and homes with it. The same happened to the north side of Pacifie St. Hwy. 12 became a below-grade road from around Forest St. and to the east. Earl St. turned into a bridge over Hwy. 12 and a pedestrian bridge was built at Cypress for children, including me, to get to and from Mound Park Elementary without being run over. There were no walls so we could still across the highway and there was an exit from the highway at Earl St. Most people are familiar with what happened next. I-94 happened. It required the removal of Hudson Road west of Maria Ave. along with the homes and business that were there. We also lost the bluff Playground. Noise walls were built, the exit at Earl St. was removed and the division of Dayton’s Bluff was complete.

We have heard the story of the destruction of the Rondo neighborhood when I-94 was constructed. That was terrible and didn’t need to happen, anymore than what occurred in Dayton’s Bluff. But it did and won’t be undone. However, there is now a push to build a land bridge over I-94 to reconnect the Rondo neighborhood. It is a long shot but money is already being found to study the feasibility of such a project.

So I propose the building of a land bridge to reconnect Dayton’s Bluff to Mounds Park. After studying maps, I think it such a land bridge should extend from Bates Ave. east to Frank St. It would cost hundreds of millions of dollars but the government loves to spend huge amounts of taxpayer dollars on projects whether they are practical or not. Major selling points would be the inclusion of small businesses, affordable housing and green spaces, all of which we are sorely lacking here. No vehicle traffic would be allowed except on Earl St. and of course there would be bike paths, lots and lots of bike paths.

Think about it and then contact your city, county, state, and federal elected officials to get the ball rolling.

Joseph C. Gregory
Lifelong Dayton’s Bluff resident

You got somethin’ to say? Say it here!

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes — send yours to: daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com

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 July issue of the Forum is June 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 daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org. Click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

Juche
1124 Payne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55103
Phone: 612-490-3380
Hours: Monday, Thursday, and Sunday 5:30 p.m. to midnight
Friday and Saturday 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Closed Tuesday and Wednesday
luchestpaul.com
No reservations

I recently drove up Payne Avenue and saw the neon sign of Juche (pronounced “joo-chey”) on what had been Cook St. Paul. I saw the neon sign of Juche (pronounced “joo-chey”) on what had been Cook St. Paul.

The walls are painted black, and there is even a THC beverage, a hemp-based drink.

Juche shirts and Juche tumblers, and bot tles of merchandise: short and short-sleeved Juche shirts and Juche tumblers, and bottles of their house hot sauce. Also, if you enjoy Korean food, there is an offering of merchandise: short and short-sleeved Juche shirts and Juche tumblers, and bottles of their house hot sauce.

Juche women from the University of Minnesota who were celebrating two birth days. There is music in the background.

The customers were a diverse group, several Asian couples, a few neighbors, an old guy — me — and a big group of college women from the University of Minnesota who were celebrating two birthdays.

SPECIALITIES: Some of those on the menu are General Khan’s Chicken, crispy-thighs with jalapenos, onions, rice, and sweet and sour sauce; Mac N’ Chi with cheddar cheese, butter fried kimchi and green onions; Mackerel fish fillet, romaine salad spicy seafood sauce with rice, Spicy Pork Belly with lettuce wrap, slaw and other ingredients with rice. Butter fried kimchi and green onions Kimchi Fried Rice and Kimchi.

Some items have letters of GF (gluten free) V (vegetarian) VG (vegan) GFO (gluten free option) or VGO (vegan option).

There is even a THC beverage, a hemp seltzer. If you don’t know what this is, look it up and you might or might not want it.

SIDES: Some of them are fries that you can have with cheese or kimchi beef bulgogi for an extra charge, wings using original sweet ginger and other tastes, Ms. Wu’s Chips and Mapa Tofu that is made with fermented beans.

Burger/Sandwiches: Bulgogi Burger a five-ounce patty, American cheese, fried kimchi and peanut butter on toasted white bread. On a brioche bun. Spicy Korean Burger consisted in 5oz beef patty, spicy mayo, jelly slaw, cheddar cheese; and one called Trust Me that is butter fried kimchi and peanut butter on toasted white bread.

DESSERTS: Sweet Science Ice Cream that was created by Ashley Olds, a young woman who lived on the East Side. Also, a Samjok-o Float and Choco Pie.

BEVERAGES: Including Eddie Wu chay lemonade, Ben Wu barley lemonade and various pops. There are several hard-to-get Korean beers. I had a Terre myself along with Bulgogi Burger and fries.

COCKTAILS: Include Juche Libre, with mango, Makku, a barley tea with orange, Jang with original Makku, Korean pear wine, Somjok-o Float, and Choco Pie.

If you are interested, there is an offering of merchandise: short and short-sleeved Juche shirts and Juche tumblers, and bottles of their house hot sauce. Also, if you are interested, juche loosely translates in English as “self-reliance” and “autono mny.” The restaurant says the best time to get in easily is 5:30 p.m. or around 9 p.m.

Friends of the Forum

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.

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