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Celebrate National Night Out With Your Neighbors

Celebrate National Night Out on August 1, 2006 with your neighbors and friends. Some neighborhood groups and block clubs are planning to have a neighborhood barbecue, a potluck, an ice cream social, a band playing music, a volleyball game and any other activity that a group of neighbors can do together.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Join 30 million other people in more than 9,000 communities nation-wide in a variety of events and activities. Let's make this year even bigger!

Here is a list of some of the Dayton's Bluff National Night Out events:

- * Mounds Park near Thorn and Frank - live music
- * 5th Street East between Mounds Blvd and Maria - food and entertainment
- * Margaret Street between Johnson Parkway and Atlantic - pot luck and meet the neighbors
- * Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Margaret and Forest - food, fun and entertainment
- * Mounds Park United Methodist Church at Earl and Euclid - food, games and fun
- * Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at Johnson Parkway and Margaret - food, games and fun
- * Margaret Recreation Center 1109 Margaret - food, fun, games and learn about the new playground.
- * Reaney between Forest and Cypress - fun and games
- * Swede Hollow Park at Greenbrier and Margaret - pot luck, The Exit Band and fun
- * 1330 Conway - food, music, fun and games
- * Margaret Street between Johnson Parkway and Atlantic - pot luck, fun and games

Call Karin at 772-2075 for more information about National Night Out events.



The children at JOY got their hands dirty for this patriotic project.

Sharing the JOY of America

By Carol Fink, Director JOY Preschool & Child Care

At JOY Preschool & Child Care we thought it would be fitting to study a unit titled "Celebrate America" before the 4th of July. The children discussed the flag, patriotic songs, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

While doing preparation on the lesson plans I thought it would be a great experience for the school-age children to write letters to the President of the United States. The children enjoyed writing the letters. They asked questions like: Do you like bunnies and hamsters? Did you have lots of friends as a little boy? What was your favorite game when you were little? Are there frogs, snakes, toads, reptiles and

amphibians in Washington D.C.? The children are hoping to receive a letter in return from President Bush soon.

The flag in the picture above was a cooperative art project for both the preschool and school-age children. They did a great job!

JOY Preschool & Child Care is a Christian preschool and school-age child care center. We are sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church located at 655 Forest Street. We offer a safe and secure environment for the children in our community. The children work on a different curriculum theme every week. If you would like information on our child care center please contact Carol at (651) 771-6982.

Flowerpots Bloom Again on East 7th Street



Youth from the Community Design Center plant flowers in a flowerpot on 7th St.

By Susan Tieljen

For the third summer in a row there are flowerpots blooming on East 7th Street.

These pots are made possible by the joint efforts of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC), businesses along 7th Street and the Community Design Center (CDC).

Karin DuPaul at the DBCC coordinates the grants from the Saint Paul Garden Club for funding and stores the pots indoors during the winter. East

7th Street businesses volunteer to water the pots daily.

CDC, located at 731 East 7th Street, has a mission of developing youth from the East Side through gardening and leadership programs. The youth provide the labor for planting the pots and delivering them to the business storefronts. All those involved are proud of this coordinated effort and believe that it is a good start to making a better looking neighborhood and a more pleasant place to do business.



Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street at the corner of 7th and Margaret.

The agenda will include updates on neighborhood issues and on the new Walk and Clean up initiative.

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council holds the Community Meeting monthly. It is designed to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, including criminal, nuisance behavior and code enforcement issues as well as other neighborhood issues, concerns, and improvements.

All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome. If you need more information call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club

The Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club meets the last Monday of each month from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center, 800 Conway St.

This month's meeting will be on Monday July 31st. The owner of Euclid Flats, 234-238 Bates Avenue, has been invited to come and discuss his building with neighbors from the surrounding area.

Next month's meeting will be held on Monday August 28th.

Be Your Own Boss



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Family and friends with the graduates of the Spring 2006 Dayton's Bluff Entrepreneur Training class with instructor Dale White

Have you ever wanted to start your own business? Or, have you started one and are realizing that you need more education to make it successful? If so, sign up for the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Entrepreneur Training and Support Program. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts approximately 16 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, one to one assistance with creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some of the businesses that people who took the course have started include graphics, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, and exterior and interior painting.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding fee scale. The next session will start in September and class size is limited. Please call Karin at 772-2075 for application.

Volunteer Editor Needed - Pagemaker experience useful.
Call Karin @ 651-772-2075.

Science Fiction Movie Festival Coming to the Mounds Theatre this August

This August 18 - 20 the Mounds Theatre presents five of the greatest science fiction movies of the 20th century. Each movie will be shown at least twice over a period of three days to give everyone a chance to view these great films the way they were meant to be seen - on a large screen in their original 35mm formats with other true fans. The five movies are:

Fritz Lang's Metropolis (1927) - Restored version distributed by Kino
The War of the Worlds (1953) - The original film version produced by George Pal

Forbidden Planet (1956) - With Leslie Nielsen, Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis and Robby the Robot
Planet of the Apes (1968) - The original film version starring Charlton Heston

Alien (1979) - When Director Ridley Scott showed us that "In space no one can hear you scream"

These are real movies being shown in a real movie theatre. And of course there will be a fully stocked concession stand selling popcorn (with real butter), candy and beverages. This is the real deal - no video or imitation toppings allowed.

All tickets are \$8.00 at the door. A separate ticket is needed for each movie. Advance sale discount single and multiple movie tickets will be available on our website and at the Mounds Theatre. Availability of tickets at the door will depend on the number of advance tickets sold.



Festival Schedule

Friday August 18

5:00 p.m. The War of the Worlds (1953)

6:50 p.m. Alien (1979)

9:15 p.m. Metropolis (1927)

Saturday August 19

12:00 p.m. The War of the Worlds (1953)

1:50 p.m. Planet of the Apes (1968)

4:10 p.m. Forbidden Planet (1956)

7:00 p.m. Metropolis (1927)

9:30 p.m. Alien (1979)

Sunday August 20

12:30 p.m. Forbidden Planet (1956)

2:35 p.m. Metropolis (1927)

5:00 p.m. Planet of the Apes (1968)

"Alien" is rated R. All other films are suitable for a general audience.

Visit www.moundstheatre.org or call 651-772-2253 for more information. The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106

This movie festival is a fundraiser for the Portage for Youth.

Church Directory

Amazing Grace Assembly of God

1237 Earl St.

651-778-1768

Sun 9:30 am - Sunday school all ages

Sun 10:30 am - morning Worship

Sun 6:00 pm - evening Worship

Hmong Asbury United Methodist

815 Frank St.

651-771-0077

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

655 Forest St.

651-776-4737

Sun 9:00 am - Morning Service

Sun 10:15-11:15 am - Sunday School & Bible Hour

Sun 11:15 - Hmong Service

Faith Temple - Templo De Fe

1510 Payne Ave

651-778-0096

Sun 10:30 am - Spanish Bilingual Service

Sun 6:00 pm - Spanish Bilingual Service

Wednesday family night

First Lutheran Church ELCA

463 Maria

St. Paul, MN 55106

651-776-7210

1 block North of Metropolitan State

Sun 9:00 am - Worship service

Sun 10:15 am - Education - all ages

Fellowship following Worship

Handicapped accessible

Mounds Park United Methodist

1049 Euclid St.

651-774-8736

9:15 am - Sunday School, 4-year-old through Adult

10:30 am - Worship

Our Savior's Lutheran 'LCMS'

674 Johnson Pkwy

651-774-2396

Sun only - 8am Worship, 9:20

education hour

Sun 10:45am - Worship

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

840 E. 6th St.

651-776-2741

Sat 4:00 pm - Mass

Sun 9:00 am - Mass

Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 am - Weekday Service

St. John's Catholic Church

977 E. 5th St.

651-771-3690

Mon-Fri 8:00 am - Mass

Sat 8:00 am & 4:15 pm - Mass

Sun 9:00 am, 11:00 am - Mass

St. John's Church of God in Christ

1154 E. 7th St.

651-771-7639

Sun 9:30 am - Sunday School

Sun 11:00 am - Worship

Wed 7:00 pm - Bible Study

St. John Ev. Lutheran

765 Margaret St.

651-771-6406

Sun 9:30 am - Worship

Thurs 6:30 pm - Worship

Rec Center Activities and Events August – September

Dayton's Bluff Community Recreation Center
800 Conway St.

Director: Jody Griffin; 651.793-3885; jody.griffin@ci.stpaul.mn.us

The Fall Program will be out in August! (Sept.-Dec. 2006 Events & Activities) Stop by the center to pick up your copy or visit us on line at www.ci.stpaul.mn/depts/parks New beginning this Fall – On-line registration for parks and recreation classes, trips & sports.

Fall Sports Registration for Soccer & Flag Football was July 10-22. Ages 5-14. Late registration will be accepted if space is available. Area Tackle Football should contact Wilder (Lower East Side) at 298-5727 or Conway (Harding Area) at 501-6343.

Here is a list of activities for August and a partial list for September:

Parent Tot Play Time

Mon., Wed., Fri.'s; 10 am-12 pm;
Free; Ages 0-5

Senior Cards - 500

Friday's 12:30-4 pm; Fee: \$2
weekly fee for the kitty.

Adult Lunch Time Volleyball & Basketball

Thursday's, 11 am-1 pm; \$1 / week;
On-going. No children allowed.

Cribbage

Looking to start a new group. Call
if interested. Adult/Seniors;
Tuesdays 12-3 pm; 50 cents/week.

Summer Lunch Program

Ages 1-18; M-F, until Aug. 25; 12-1
pm; Free

Basketball Camp

M-Th., Aug. 7-10; 5-7 pm; 7-11
yrs.; 4 sessions; \$20; Boys & Girls;
6-8 pm; 12-17 yrs.; 4 sessions; \$20;
Boys & Girls

Eastside Arts Council Artmobile

Ages 6-12; Tu., Aug 8; 1-3 pm; Free

Teen Club

The group meets on Tuesdays 5-7
pm & Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 pm.
Free; New members are wanted.

Ballet Classes

Ages 4-18; Tues. or Fri., Sept. 8/12;
Call for more details.

Cheerleading Class

Ages 5-14; Mon., Sept. 18; 6-7 pm.

Karate Class

Ages 5-14; Wed., Sept. 20; 6-7 pm

Cribbage

Seniors; Thurs., Sept. 7; 1-4 pm

Pinochle

Seniors; Tues., Sept. 5; 1-4 pm

Comcast in the Park

Fri., Sept. 29. 7 pm; entertainment
TBA; Movie at dusk – showing
"RV" with Robin Williams; Free ;

Phalen Rec. Center

Jazzercise

16 yrs. +; Tues., Sept. 26; 7-8 pm;
\$40; 8 wks.

My First Art Class

20 mo.-3 yrs.; Fri., Sept. 29; 11:15-
12 pm; \$72; 6 sessions

Citywide Summer Field Trips

Parent Permission slips are required.
Must register prior to trip. Youth
under the age listed are welcome
but must be accompanied by an
adult.

Valleyfair Thurs, Aug. 3; 4-11 pm;
\$20; Ages 13 & up only

Crystal Caves Tour & Picnic Fri.,
Aug. 4; 9:30 am-4 pm; \$17

Wild Mountain Water Slides Fri.,
Aug. 11; 9 am-4:30 pm; \$22

Bunker Beach Water Park Fri.,
Aug. 18; 10 am-4 pm; \$13

Dayton's Bluff Good Neighbor Walking Club



Photo by Karin DuPaul

L to R: Wayne Lundeen and Jay Soeffker. Wayne is joining Jay's Dayton's Bluff Good Neighbor Walking Club that meets every other Saturday and walks around the neighborhood picking up trash along the way. On July 8th about 20 good neighbors picked up trash on the sidewalks and boulevards from Swede Hollow Park to 3rd Street between Mounds Blvd and Hope Street. The Saint Paul/Ramsey County Public Health Steps Program donated Irish green tee shirts for participants of the Dayton's Bluff Good Neighbor walkers. The next walk is August 5th. If you are interested in joining this group call Jay at 651-251-4806.

"I've got a new pedometer on my belt and I'm ready to count my steps. How about you?"

-Officer Jamie Sipes, St. Paul Police



**Pick up your free step counter at
Dayton's Bluff Branch Library
and get walking!**




This Story Inspired Me

By Karin DuPaul

I am always happy to learn about neighbors making improvements to Dayton's Bluff neighborhoods. I recently received an email from a neighbor in the Conway and Bates area:

"I like reading your paper and the way that it highlights the more positive aspects of Dayton's Bluff. I had a story idea so I decided to pass it along. I have been watching the progress of a problem property in my area and the change has been nothing short of miraculous. The property is located at 696 Conway. A few years back the property was nothing but trouble and I am sure that police records can verify that. It was nothing but drugs and prostitutes and the police were there daily. Someone purchased the home, got rid of the residents and as such most of the problems went away too.

However, this person took it one step further. The building has been completely renovated yet remains historically correct. It is now one of the nicest looking homes in my area. I don't know the owner but it would be nice to do a story on him/her to show our appreciation as residents of Dayton's Bluff. They took a property that no one wanted and put a lot of money into it. All of this while the criminals and drug dealers still run the streets, even right next door. It is a good feeling to know that people are still willing to invest in my area. It gives me hope. The story inspired me, perhaps others could also be inspired".

I emailed back wondering who is the owner.

"I don't know who the new owner is. I see the same guy and girl working on it all the time but haven't really talked to them. I stopped once and told them that they were doing a great job but never inquired as to if they are the owners. They have been working on it over the past 2-3 years and appear to be a 2 person crew. But I don't

know if they are the owners or just workers. After getting this email I looked on the front door at the rental registration....".

Now we have a name. Before long I had an address and phone number. I called and left a message. Within ten minutes I got a call back. The owner said he bought the duplex, which is in the Dayton's Bluff Historic District, in 2002 because he liked the architecture and historic character of the house. He was impressed by the increasing number of restored houses and the amount of work people put into their homes in Dayton's Bluff.

As a landlord he has had some very good tenants and a few bad tenants. When he bought the house he had six people, five dogs and he is not sure how many cats living in the one bedroom apartment, and drug dealing in the other unit. He got rid of them. He has a property management company manage the property and he only rents to people that he wouldn't mind living next to himself.

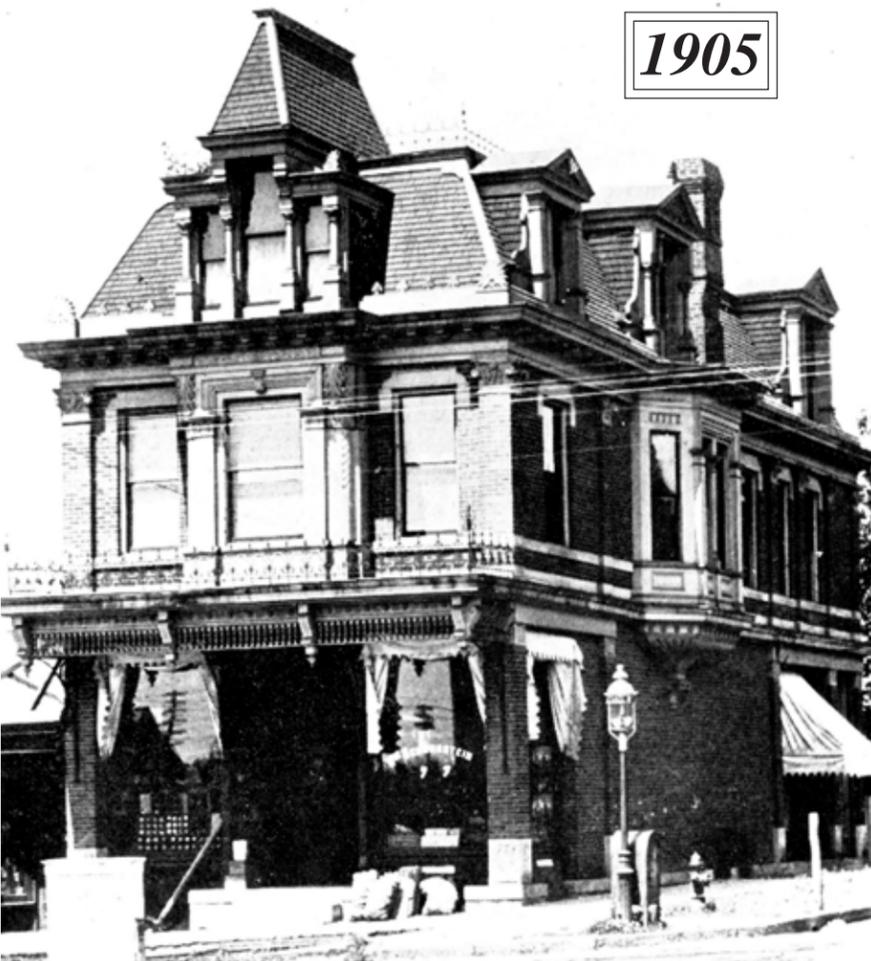
Recently he has totally updated the apartments including new appliances, new carpet and fresh paint. He wants to improve his property and made it the best it can be to increase the property value, which is good for all property owners. He worked with the Heritage Preservation Commission on what was the best way to improve the outside of the house. He decided to put a handy board type siding on the house and painted the trim to enhance the historic character of the house.

Near the end of the conversation he asked how he could get involved and I told him about our monthly Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting and he put it on his calendar and said he will try to make it.

There are stories like this all over Dayton's Bluff. I would like to hear about more of them. Call me at 651-772-2075 if you have a story to tell.

Dayton's Bluff Then and Now By Steve Trimble

Schornstein Grocery and Saloon



1905

Minnesota Historical Society Photo

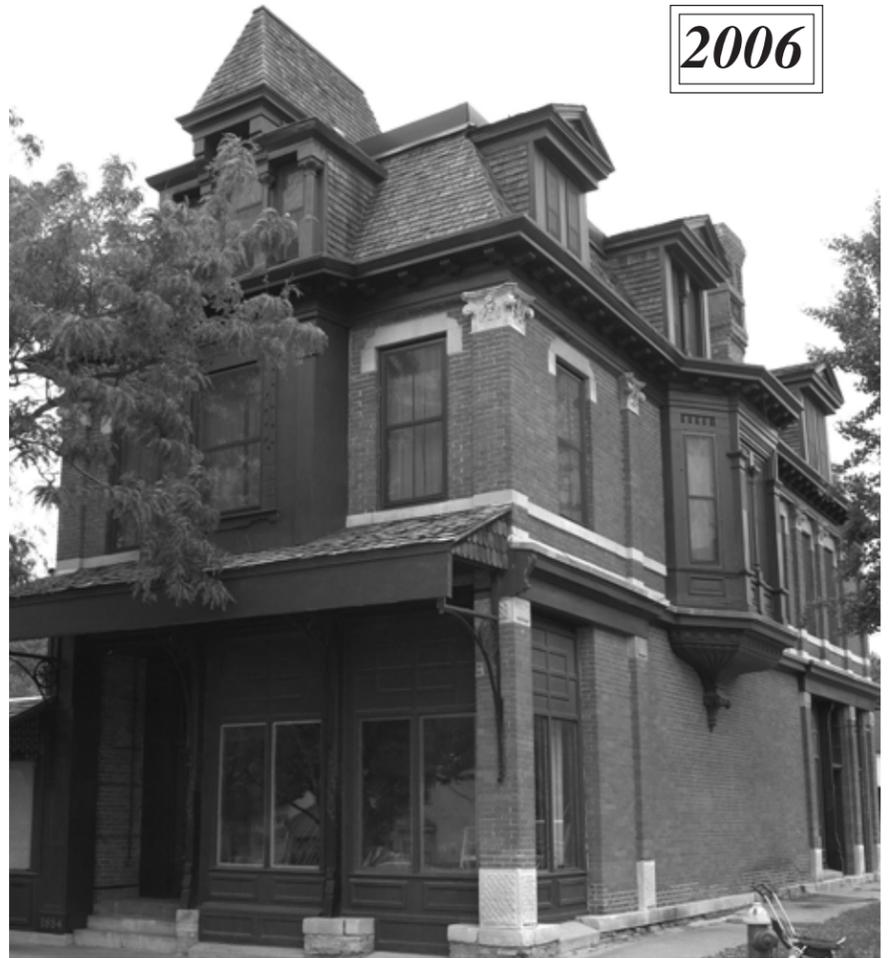
Located at 707 Wilson, this two-and-a-half story structure was built in 1884 by William Schornstein, a German who arrived in Minnesota in 1873 and came to St. Paul in 1880. He had experience as a bartender in the old country and decided to open a tavern, renting a storefront near the corner of today's Plum and old Hudson Road.

The area was filled with many fellow Germans and the enterprise flour-

ished, so much that he was able to start erecting a store of his own.

Unfortunately, in May of 1884 it burned to the ground due to a fire that spread from a nearby barn. He immediately started rebuilding and the current structure was completed in the fall of that year.

Schornstein hired German-born August Gauger as the architect of this brick building. The first floor was used



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Photo by Chris Newton

for a combination grocery and saloon. The family lived on the second floor and there was a meeting place on the third floor for events and parties. A smaller connected structure on the west housed a harness shop run by a relative.

Schornstein retired in 1910. His son carried on the popular business until a year or two after his father died in 1920. The grocery store itself lasted until the 1940s under various owners.

The structure is considered to be one of the finest examples of French second Empire architecture in the Twin Cities. Some of the original detailing has disappeared and a balcony removed. The front entrance was altered, but the signature mansard roof remains intact.

It was and is one of the local landmarks of Dayton's Bluff.

Mounds Park Sanitary Bakery



1915

Minnesota Historical Society Photo

You may have passed by the small red brick building at 1039 Hudson Road. It is the former home of several bakeries and is now used as a site for storage. But the space behind the boarded up windows has quite a story to tell.

The bakery was originally started in 1906 in the basement of Earl Street Drugs, just east of today's location. In 1912, as business was expanding, a man named Tom Basta and two partners bought land and constructed a

new home for their business. They decided on a name that would assure patrons that anything produced there was to be trusted. They chose "Mounds Park Sanitary Bakery." It was the start of a very successful enterprise.

In 1949 Basta, then the sole owner, sold the business to John Kurka, his brother-in-law. He ran it for a little over a decade and then sold it to Ted Heroff, originally from the West Seventh area, who had been working



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Photo by Chris Newton

there as a young man. The bakery, which by this time had been renamed Basta's, now become Heroff's Bakery. Heroff was to be the last man to run the enterprise.

The bakery had a positive reputation throughout the East Side and many a resident came there for the fresh bread and tasty pastries. Supreme Court justice Warren Burger always dropped in on his visits from Washington to get his favorite jelly Bismarks.

When he was interviewed in the early 1980s, Heroff was the only baker left of many that used to ply their trade here. He traced the drop in patronage to two events. The biggest was the freeway's destruction of businesses, houses and drive by traffic. Another was the closing of the nearby Mounds Park Elementary School. Nonetheless, he continued on the job through the 1980s.

What Does the Future Hold for the History of Dayton's Bluff?

By Steve Trimble

For the last year or so we have been printing a series that outlined the history of Dayton's Bluff from its origins to the present day. Since it has concluded, we weren't sure what readers who like the history articles would want to see next.

For this issue we have included a somewhat new history feature we are calling "Dayton's Bluff Then and Now." As you see, it shows an old photo that is paired with a current photo taken from the same perspective along with some information on the site. Hope you like it.

So what do you readers want? In-depth treatments of specific events or people? Heritage walking tours that you can take in the summer or fall? Centennial houses or general information on historic homes of Dayton's Bluff?

How about a series of articles— some that would hopefully be sent in by you—on "Growing up in Dayton's Bluff?" Or are you tired of having so much space taken up by history articles? Please let the *Forum* know. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 or email her at KarinDuPaul@comcast.net with your ideas.

Historic Saint Paul Helps Historic Dayton's Bluff Stay Historic

By Paul Singh

Home and business owners in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood possess a unique asset: the historic and architectural character of their buildings. Yet property owners who cherish the historic character of their buildings may lack the financial resources or technical knowledge to preserve this asset for future generations. For that reason, a program designed to assist property owners make home repairs in a historically sensitive manner has been inaugurated in Dayton's Bluff.

Historic Saint Paul, a non-profit organization that works to celebrate the cultural heritage of Saint Paul through the conservation of neighborhoods, business districts and local landmarks, recently completed the five-year pilot phase of the Restore Saint Paul loan program (RSP) in the Dayton's Bluff and Payne-Phalen neighborhoods.

Through RSP, property owners obtain a low-interest, deferred-payment loan, design guidance and project management services to assist with façade improvement projects. Typical improvements to residential properties include re-siding, painting, replacing windows and doors and porch restorations. Common renovations to commercial buildings include creating welcoming entrances, reopening windows, updating signage and installing lights or awnings.

Any building in Dayton's Bluff built before 1965 is eligible to receive a loan. All of the renovations financed through the program reflect the historic character of the building. Additionally, the improvements are visible from the street. This ensures that the renovations highlight the unique character of the neighborhood and enhance the vitality of the streetscape. RSP loan recipients match the RSP funds on a dollar-to-dollar basis. Thus, the loans awarded through the program

leverage additional investment in properties in the neighborhood.

The impact of the loan program can be felt throughout Dayton's Bluff. Since 2001, 19 homeowners have participated in the loan program. Four business owners along East 7th Street are currently in the process of renovating their storefronts. The RSP loan program has devoted \$150,000 in Dayton's Bluff and leveraged an additional \$410,000 for historic restoration projects.

For every dollar loaned, nearly three additional dollars were invested by property owners.

However, the results of the loan program have been more than just dollars spent. A walk through the neighborhood reveals clusters of homes that have undergone highly visible historic restorations. The 19 RSP projects have spurred other property owners in the surrounding area to undertake their own façade improvements. Bob Roscoe, an architect and historic preservation consultant with Design for Preservation observed, "Month by month there is steady improvement; someone new is renovating their house and they're doing it right."

Ericka Schneekloth, a Dayton's Bluff homeowner, summed up her experience with the loan program: "Renovating an older home has always been a dream of mine and Historic Saint Paul has helped me actualize my dream. I am grateful that they provided me design assistance, architectural resources, knowledge of the historic renovation process, support in dealing with contractors, an interest-free loan and helped me help St. Paul!"

While the pilot phase of the RSP loan program has concluded, the program will continue in Dayton's Bluff thanks to the support of City Councilmember Kathy Lantry. Lantry



The exterior of 729 E. 6th was renovated with help from Historic Saint Paul.

recently earmarked \$50,000 in Neighborhood Investments Funds (NIF) to the RSP loan program. According to Lantry, "NIF are about leveraging dollars to have an impact in the neighborhood. I can't think of a better program to do that. The matching funds generated by RSP ensure accountability and are an easy way to show progress." Funding RSP also accomplishes some of the Councilmember's goals for the neighborhood. "It is important to take care of the housing stock in the ward... upgrading the exterior is an invaluable asset." Lantry credits Historic Saint Paul with making historic preservation easy to do. "The program shows that preserva-

tion isn't hard; there is technical and financial support available."

In addition to the NIF funds, Historic Saint Paul has secured future funding of the RSP loan program through the City of Saint Paul Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization Program, the Community Improvement Budget and the Preservation Development Initiative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Saint Paul will continue to offer low-interest loans in Dayton's Bluff and Payne-Phalen and will soon expand the program into the Thomas-Dale (Frogtown) neighborhood. Interested property owners should contact Historic Saint Paul at 651-222-3049.



National Night Out is Tuesday August 1, 2006

Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs

A Going Away Party

Attend a local event. See the list on page 1 of this newspaper





Two bald eagles discover that the Airway Beacon in Indian Mounds Park makes a very interesting perch. Photo by Karin DuPaul

It's Not Easy Being Green

By Wally and Sue, Dayton's Bluff Residents

Every morning my wife and I get up at five to get our morning exercise while walking our dog Tess. Everyday we feel fortunate to live in Dayton's Bluff.

It's a wonderful time of the day. The birds are waking up and filling the air with their songs. You may be lucky enough to see a deer or two wandering around the area, hear the gobble of a turkey, see a Pileated woodpecker, a raccoon, an eagle fly overhead, or a fox. Yes, we have seen or heard all of these animals and birds.

The fragrance of lilacs, milkweed and wildflowers in the prairie area, the wet mossy woods, and the smell of the nearby rail yard often greet you in the morning.

From the sounds of nature to the aromas of the outdoors, it is not easy for the natural environment to be green. It always upsets us to see our neighborhood being used by individuals who feel the land is their garbage can. We have come across everything including personal waste, food wrappers, stoves, dishwashers, sofas, and wood scraps left along the roadside. It's always a challenge to keep our very curious dog from getting into trouble because of the garbage left behind.

People also seem to feel that the land is theirs to do with as they feel with no thought given to what they are hurting. There are those who feel if a newly planted tree is in their way, they can just break off a branch so the view of the river can be seen. There are others who feel the need to put graffiti on the sides of buildings.

But there are many things we who live in the Dayton's Bluff and Indian Mounds Park area can do to help make it easier to be and remain green. How about helping out when there is a park cleanup day? Pick up some trash. Help remove weeds or other invasive plants.

Maybe the most important thing that can be done by all of us who like to be out and about in our neighborhood is to take that few extra steps to put that trash into a garbage can. Don't abuse the park by using it as your personal dump.

It would be nice if we all could take the time and just do a few little things to help out along the way.

My wife and I have just started to volunteer with the Green Space committee (they meet once a month) of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. We want to do what we can to work with the city parks to keep the bluff looking beautiful and green.

Since I moved here eleven years ago, one of the things that has kept me here is the dedication of Saint Paul to maintain and increase natural habitats and parkways throughout the city. Sue grew up on the Great Plains of Nebraska. She loved the wide-open spaces and the sky that seemed to go on forever, unbroken by trees or buildings. But upon moving to Saint Paul over five years ago, she has come to love the green spaces, the woods, and the abundant wildlife that can be seen in the middle of the city.

Residents of Dayton's Bluff, if we all do just a little, so much can be accomplished to keep our neighborhood green.

Celebrating a Hero - Benito Juarez

By Alicia Bongiorno

With a passion for peace and a vision towards liberating the Mexican people, Benito Juarez, President of Mexico from 1861 - 1872, lived a life full of achievements. He was president during the same time as the U.S. President Abe Lincoln; both noted for feats of nobility of purpose.

Lincoln once quoted as saying, "I like to see a man proud of his place in which he lives; I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." Abe respected the courage and fortitude that Benito had shown through his struggles in and out of office. Much like Lincoln, Benito suffered many defeats early in his presidency

With the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and The Declaration of Independence in place, the Mexican people now had their own freedom fighter that would fight for their liberation and their freedom.

After many unsuccessful attempts at freeing his people from the conservatives, he remained diligent and never lost hope for his passion to free his people from the country's defeatist attitude.

Benito Juarez established reform in Mexico during his presidency. Although considered radical by many at the time, Benito pursued and issued reform laws.

These laws declared: The independence of the State from church, freedom of religion, civil marriages and registration, and the transferal of church property to the nation. The reform movement also included: the establishment of holidays, hospitals,

welfare, and the secularization of cemeteries.

After being re-elected in 1867, Benito continued to dedicate reform for the people of Mexico. He spent his time organizing the economic situation of the country, reduced the size of the Army, organized an educational reform, ordered an end to military uprisings, and sought to overcome the division of liberals.

Just after Lincoln's death in 1865, Benito Juarez was proclaimed Outstanding Asset of the Americans. After having received this highly respected honor, he delivered this famous speech: "May the people and the government respect the rights of all. Between individuals, as between nations, peace means respect for all rights of others." This script was displayed at The National Library in Colombia stating "Benito Juarez, Mexican citizen..., in the name of the Colombian people, this homage attesting his fortitude in defending the freedom and independence on Mexico."

Benito, to this day, is not only highly respected but also admired by his countrymen. He lived a life of a true hero, and never strayed from the road to prosperity, no matter what obstacles he faced. March 21st is a national holiday in Mexico commemorating the birth of this great leader. In fact, 2006 commemorates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Benito Juarez.

If you can hear us Benito, both Mexico and the United States thank you for all you have done to benefit our countries. We wish you peace and prosperity, wherever you may be.

Mrs. Jilk Always Had Higher Hopes for Her Little Friends

A few months ago our paper asked our readers who had children in Ms. Patti Jilk's classes to send us stories about children in her class. Following is one response.

Here are a couple funny stories about Mrs. Patti Jilk, recently retired teacher at Dayton's Bluff Elementary School. Both of my children went to Dayton's Bluff school and had Mrs. Patti Jilk for kindergarten.

I was crying when I brought the oldest, Glen, nicknamed "Bug" to her. She consoled me and said to me. "Just wait till you have to send him to Junior High". A few weeks later when I was putting Glen to bed he said, "Mom, there's three I never want to do:

1. I never want to go in the Army
2. I never want to get married.
3. He began crying, I never want to go to Junior High.

Glen "Bug" is 30 years old, just got married and has been an elementary teacher for six years.

When Becky had Mrs. Jilk she had three life dreams she wanted to fulfill:

1. To be a 7-11 worker.
2. To wash all the hair at Cost Cutter.
3. To be a waitress at the Frogtown Diner.

Patti Jilk had higher hopes for her little "friends". They were always her friends - never anything less. She told them they could be whatever they wanted to be but she expected them to be great happy people who go to college.

Becky and many of her classmates have grown into very productive educated adults with college degrees.

Thanks Mrs. Jilk
Colleen Blomgren

Are you bored this summer?
Visit the Dayton's Bluff Branch of the Saint Paul Public Library at 7th and Maria.
They have books, CDs, videos and other neat stuff.

The Summer Saved by Email – and Moms

By Mary Petrie

Despite his testosterone-laden name, my ten-year old Stryker has some geriatric health concerns. He needs to have a mole removed – the sizeable kind, with digging and pain involved. He's skinny and small, coming in at the 24th percentile on growth charts. Not only does he wear glasses (blue wire-rims), the prescription needs steady strengthening. Worst of all, he has bad knees. Both seem kind of loosely slung together according to his pediatrician. The main ligament in one nearly ripped in half while he was running on the school playground, landing him on crutches for four weeks.

"He should put no weight on this for four weeks," warned the orthopedic surgeon. "That ligament is hanging by a thread. One big bump and he needs surgery. No running, jumping, swimming, climbing, skateboarding, biking, wrestling—no playing."

"No playing!" I had to be sure this wasn't a horrible echo.

No playing.

The verdict came the first day of summer vacation.

Once home, Stryker returned to his Throne, the couch. He demanded chips. He barked orders at his siblings: books, iPod, Game Boy. He grouched about the way his pillows were arranged. He pouted and sulked.

"Some summer this is," he wailed. "I'm going to play video games and eat junk food till I explode. I'm so bored, bored, bored. I need Doritos!"

We had been home ten minutes.

I crawled upstairs to my lifeline: other mothers! Who said computers were invented for work, to keep train lines running, airplanes flying or business humming? Computers were created for women to email each other.

I sent out a call for help to the mothers I count on. These women are the first to bring a meal or pick up a sick kid at school. They're the friends who stop by spontaneously with flowers or a good book. When I'm running late to pick up my children from school, I can email one of half a dozen to re-

trieve them instead. One summer when I was struggling in various ways, I emailed a friend wondering how I was going to organize and prepare for my daughter's birthday party. She said she'd do it for me, and she did: she showed up with plates, cups, cake, snacks, decorations and party bags the day of the big event. We share our woes, organize our children's social schedules, meet school volunteer obligations, squelch playground squabbles and learn all about each other's lives – all on-line.

This particular plea for help was for ideas: what can my guy do that doesn't involve a snack or a screen?

Creative pastimes came within minutes: Monopoly, checkers, chess, jacks, whittling, yo-yo, knitting, sewing, crocheting, Legos, 5000-piece jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, dominos, tie-dye t-shirts, paint, draw, whistle, clay, paint rocks, build with marshmallows and toothpicks, build with sugar cubes and toothpicks, organize the junk drawer, scrapbook, bead a necklace, braid, become a knot expert, comb the dogs' hair, sort coins, collect stamps—the ideas went on and on.

Even more importantly, my wired women friends took matters (as usual) into their own hands. They showed up with games and toys. They showed up with their own boys in tow and took Stryker away: movies, games, building strange things, playing with reptiles, gerbils and bunnies. He's seen it all.

Far from having a bad summer, Stryker's been having a blast. New and interesting games aside, he's acquired gerbils and the ability to handle a pet snake. He's spent a lot of time with his buddies, who think he's pretty cool despite the glasses and diminutive stature. He's listened to a lot of Green Day and Weezer (me too). Stryker is under the impression that his magical summer simply unfolded: good things just keep happening to him now!

But he can thank email for his good luck, the 21st century version of the front porch.



Word From the Beat

Greetings from SPPD Eastern District.

Recently I attended a block club meeting and heard some disturbing news. I was told some Dayton's Bluff residents aren't calling the police to report criminal activity. I was told that the reason citizens aren't calling the police was that they believe there wasn't anything the police could do and that the person did not want to waste the officer's time.

If you have witnessed a crime or been a victim of a crime and feel we may not be able to help, you may be correct. Even though we may not be able to catch the criminal or immediately solve a problem, it is important to call us. Each time a person calls the police, a tracking number is generated. These numbers are used to determine staffing levels and the deployment of police resources. So whether we can help or not it is important to call the police and please remember, you are not wasting our time.

I was asked at a meeting why police dispatchers, which we call tele-communicators, ask so many questions. It is the tele-communicators job to get as much information as possible for emergency responders. If tele-communicators don't ask enough questions or the right questions, a responder's life may be in danger.

When responders arrive they need as much information as possible to assess the dangers and help those who need help. Not only can the tele-communicator be held responsible for not getting the necessary information, they will also have to live with their mistakes that put responders in danger.

I have noticed attendance at neighborhood meetings has increased. Between police efforts and the help of the community, one more disorderly house was recently dealt with. When citizens take an active role in their neighborhoods, it makes our community a safer place to live. I passed by this house one week later and found neighborhood children playing in their yards again.

Community involvement works, get active in your neighborhood block club. If you don't have one, contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075 or me at jamie.sipes@ci.stpaul.mn.us for help in starting a new club. You can reach your Dayton's Bluff Beat Officers Chris Byrnes and Jamie Sipes at 651-341-7637 between 4 p.m. and 2 a.m. Finally, it is a beautiful summer, get out and meet your neighbors and always remember to treat each other with respect.

Officer Jamie Sipes
East District Tour 3
651-341-7637

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Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Cleanup

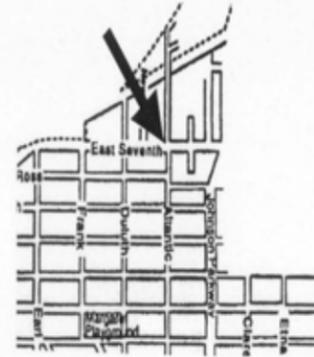
Saturday, September 9, 2006

9:00 a.m. to noon

Ray Anderson & Sons

North of East 7th St. at Atlantic and Phalen Corridor
(933 Atlantic)

This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff residents only.



Costs

Entrance: \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck. No dump trucks.
Extra Fees: \$15 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat.
\$3 fee car tire, \$8 per truck tire, plus \$2 if on rim.
\$10 to \$25 per TV, \$10 VCR or computer monitor or CPU, etc.
\$5 other small electronics.

All guidelines will be strictly adhered to and we reserve the right to turn away any person or vehicle. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to refuse any item or close the site early if costs exceed budget.

What to bring

A proof of Dayton's Bluff residency in the form of a driver's license or utility bill is required to gain entry. Be prepared to unload your own materials. Assistance is not available at the cleanup site. Materials will be sorted at the site into different dumpsters to maximize recycling.

In order to simplify unloading, vehicles should be loaded up in the following manner:

On the bottom of the load: concrete, bricks, rocks, and construction debris.
In the middle of the load: bikes and scrap metals, mattresses/box springs, broken furniture and other trash
On the top of the load: reusable household items, electronics: TVs, VCRs, computers, etc., Tires

Remember: DO NOT bring appliances to the cleanup. Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 7, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 11. Cost \$25 for one appliance, \$10 for each additional appliance. There is extra fee of \$10 for each air conditioner (\$35.00).

What not to bring

Not all materials are accepted at the cleanup.

For more information about how to recycle or dispose of these or other items, call 651-222-SORT (7678). TTY for the hearing impaired: 651-221-9832.

No Rail Road ties or Chemically treated wood:

No Appliances: Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 8, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 11. Cost \$25/1st appliance, \$10/each additional appliance (there is an \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers and water heaters.

No Car Batteries: Bring car batteries to a store that sells them. All stores and services stations that sell car batteries are required by law to accept up to five batteries per person for free.

No Paint, Pesticides, Motor Oil or other Hazardous Wastes, including Fluorescent Bulbs: Free disposal at Ramsey County household hazardous waste drop-off site: Bay West, 5 Empire Drive, Saint Paul, open Wednesday-Friday 11-6 and Saturday 9-4 (April-October) and Saturday 9-4 only (November-March)

No Leaves, Grass or Brush: Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 11-7, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-5.

No Curbside Recycling Materials: Dayton's Bluff District 4 curbside recycling is picked up every Tuesday. Have your Recycling at the curb by 7 am.

Good Free Stuff at the Cleanup

Even if you do not have junk or trash to get rid of come and check out the Free Stuff. Swap Stuff. The cleanup will once again feature a Reuse Area so that used items that still have some life left in them can be shared with new owners. Good stuff like dishes, furniture, building materials, cabinets, lawnmowers, bikes, toys and other items in good condition will be set aside in the Reuse Area for anyone to take home. All materials in the Reuse Area are free and there is no charge to enter this area. Items must be hauled away from the Free Stuff area by noon on cleanup day or it all goes in the dumpster., So bring your car or truck.



Volunteers are Needed

Help neighbors clean up the neighborhood. All skill levels are needed. Work four hours and get free entry for one load of material. A free lunch will be provided. Call 651-772-2075 if you would like to help.

Sponsors and Rules

The Cleanup is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Eureka Recycling, with funding provided by the city of Saint Paul.

The above guidelines will be strictly adhered to. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to turn away any person or vehicle, to refuse any item or to close the site early if dumpsters are filled or costs exceed budget. There will be limited senior call to register or for more information call the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 651-772-2075.