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.

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

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 issues, 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.

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.

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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, 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.

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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
651-776-0906
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
651-776-2120
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’s Ev. Lutheran 765 Margaux St.
651-771-6406
Sun 9:30 am - Worship
Thurs 6:30 pm - Worship

Be Your Own Boss

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

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“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.

All tickets are $8.00 at the door. A separate ticket is needed for each movie. Advance sale discount coupon 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.

Photo by Karin DuPaul

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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 online 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.; 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. Adults/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; $72; 6 sessions

**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**

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

**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.

**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; 6 sessions

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

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

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Dayton’s Bluff Good Neighbor Walking Club

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 they were uninterested 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

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 flourished, 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 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

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 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 devolved $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, 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 realize 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 recently earmarked $50,000 in Neighborborhood 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 preservation 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 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.
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 to keep our very 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 beautiful city 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.

Resident of Dayton’s Bluff, if we all do just a little, 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 and in 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 transference 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 Out- standing 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 speech 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.

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.

Mrs. 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.

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 Frottown Diner.

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Thanks Mrs. Jilk
Colleen Blomgren

Are you bored this summer?

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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 his knee is 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—all 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 groused about the way his pillows were arranged. He pouted andulked.

“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!”

Worst of all, he has bad knees. Both involved. He’s skinny and small, composing the 21st percentile on growth charts. 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

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.

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