On September 18th 3M announced that over the next several years the St. Paul Port Authority will be buying its entire 45-acre Eastside campus. The buildings will be razed and the land used for a new business park, ending 3M’s century-long presence in our neighborhood. See page 3 to buy a set of color postcards including the one shown above and other Dayton’s Bluff landmarks.

On Monday, October 20 polls are open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 798 East 7th Street at the corner of 7th and Margaret. Come and vote for your representatives. A list of candidates will be available at the Community Council office. Also read the candidate profiles on page 6.

Any Dayton’s Bluff resident age 18 or over can vote. Voters can cast ballots for their Sub-district Representatives and for an At-Large seat. Write-in candidates are also permitted. The Board of Directors total 18 members of which 16 represent four sub-districts and two are At-Large positions. Sub-district representatives must be residents of that particular sub-district while the At-Large Director can be either a resident of Dayton’s Bluff, a business owner, or an operator of a Dayton’s Bluff business or organization.

All of the current Board openings are two (2) year terms. Are you unavailable on October 20th? Absentee ballots maybe requested. All requests for absentee ballots must be made at least ten (10) days prior to the election, in writing and signed by the voter. All absentee ballots will be mailed by the Council at least seven (7) days before the election to the residence of the voter requesting the absentee ballot. Absentee ballots must be received in the Community Council office by October 20, 2008.

Be sure to come for the Pot Luck Supper, which starts at 6:00 p.m., bring a dish to share, and stay for the Annual Meeting and the results of the election. It’s a great way to find out what the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council is all about and have supper with some neighbors at the same time.

Some of the activities the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council has been involved in this past year include, Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Clean Up, Block Club Clean Ups, Block Clubs, National Night Out, Summer Youth Sign and Clean Up Project, Greening Dayton’s Bluff and its plant swap, Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour, Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Home Tour, Arts and Culture Committee, Greenspace Committee, Vacant Building Committee, park clean ups, Land Use issues, and so on. If you have any questions about the Community Council, the election, the potluck, and/or the Annual Meeting email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Vote for your Community Council Representatives and stay for our Pot Luck and Annual Meeting.

Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Home Tour

The next Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Home Tour will be on Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Maps with the home information and locations can be picked up at the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council at 798 East 7th Street at the beginning of the tour. Our spring Vacant Home Tour was a wonderful success with about 300 people attending. Since then, eight of the twelve homes on the tour have sold. The October tour will also have some great homes and great deals. Although anyone looking for a home in Dayton’s Bluff is welcome, we are giving a special invitation to employees of Traveler’s Insurance, Metropolitan State University, the City of St. Paul, and the State of Minnesota.

Mark your calendars and tell your friends. For more information watch our web site or call Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075.
Dayton’s Bluff Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting is Thursday, October 2nd 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 Dayton’s Bluff Community Council holds its Community Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month. The purpose is to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other neighborhood issues, concerns, and/or new ideas for improvement in Dayton’s Bluff.

If you can get me the addresses of problems ahead of time I can get them to the police and code enforcement. Then they can bring information about the problems to the meeting. Remember, it’s always on the 1st Thursday of each month. All Dayton’s Bluff residents are welcome to attend. If you need more information email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075.

Meet with the police

The Eastern District Police hold their monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne on the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues. One is on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and the other on the third Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. In October the meetings are on the 15th and 17th.

The meeting is intended as a time to listen to and address people’s concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Take a Hike

Dayton’s Bluff Take a Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike is Saturday, October 4th. We meet at 10:30 a.m. in Indian Mounds Park at Earl St. and Mounds Blvd. We’ll hike from Mounds Park to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary and then walk along the Bruce Vento Recreational Trail through Swede Hollow Park to the new East Side Heritage Park. Along the way we will share stories and learn some local history of the area. The hike is about four miles long with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available. Walkers will return to Mounds Park, or you may hike back.

Join us and explore some of our parks and the regional trail. For more information contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

Garden tour enjoyed summer blooms

The garden tour started with introductions and people getting to know each other. The tour was hosted by members of 4th and Bates area Block Club with members of the 654 Beech/Margaret Block Club among others attending. The tour started by looking at the boulevard gardens and hanging baskets on 4th and Bates. The neighbors have done a wonderful job of improving the streetscape of Dayton’s Bluff. The Youth Project also grace the boulevard on 4th Street. The three green signs say “Be productive,” “Be polite,” and “Be peaceful.” The concept is like the old Burma Shave signs that were along the highways in years gone by.

The gardens were great - one had all colors of beautiful roses and a pond with fish; another had a wonderful assortment of plants and a marvelous fountain; and another had gorgeous plants in gardens on the boulevard, the side yards, and all of the back yard.

We will soon be planning for the 2009 garden tours. If you know of great gardens and gardeners please email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075 with the information.

Swede Hollow invasive plant removal

On Saturday, October 25, 2008 Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH) is partnering with Pepsi to get many volunteers to help remove invasive species like Buckthorn and Siberian Elm trees and clean up the park. Volunteers will start at 9:00 a.m. with a cup of coffee and rolls, then everyone will get busy in the park and at 1:00 p.m. the work will stop and a picnic will follow.

Everyone is welcome to help. According to Mike Grealish, FOSH member about “the more neighborhood volunteers we get, the more funds that Pepsi will donate to FOSH for them to continue their work to improve Swede Hollow Park.” Pepsi has an excellent employee program that encourages employees to be involved and volunteer in their communities. Your help is needed. To sign up call Mike at 651-246 -0217.

Celebrate the latest protected open space in Dayton’s Bluff!

Nearly two acres of land adjacent to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary has been acquired for a future interpretive center. Join the Trust for Public Land, Embrace Open Space and Lower Phalen Creek Project to celebrate this new addition to the City of Saint Paul parks system.

When: Wednesday, October 8, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary (corner of East Fourth Street and Commercial Street)

As part of the event we are holding a “story slam” to gather and share stories about this special place. Also, cookies and cider will be served.

For more information, contact Karin DuPaul at 651-772.7075.

Vento Nature Sanctuary

Guide Now Available

A free one-page, foldout guide to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary’s ecological and cultural resources is now available. You can pick up copies at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office (798 E. 7th St.) or visit the Lower Phalen Creek Project website at www.phalen creek.org and download it to your own computer.

Thank you to the St. Paul Audubon Society for providing key funding for this project.

Dayton’s Bluff spring business class

The next Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in April 2009. This program helps start up and young businesses in the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts 8 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, plus 8 hours of one on one time with the instructor. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

Some examples of businesses started by people who have previously taken this course include graphics, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, 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 April 2009 and class size is limited. Please call Karin at 651-772-2075 or email Karin@DaytonsBluff.org for an application.

Block club meetings

*Wilson Avenue Block Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, at Earl and Judal, at 6:30 p.m.

*Beech/Margaret Block Club meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Bethelhmu Lutheran Church, at Margaret and Forest, at 7:00 p.m.

*Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Rec Center, at Margaret and Frank, at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to have your block club listed, or need information about starting your own block club, please contact Karin at 651-772-2075 or Karin@DaytonsBluff.org.

Dayton’s Bluff spring business class

Get rid of a junk car and help the Community Council

Budget Towing of Minnesota, Minnesota’s largest towing company, is owned by Roy Carlson, an active Dayton’s Bluff Community Council board member. Budget Towing will remove any junk car or truck located anywhere in Saint Paul—and dispose of it at no charge to the vehicle owner or the property owner where it is located. The vehicle owners pay the normal fee for a tax donation, and Roy will also make a small donation to the Community Council for each car he tows. Call Karin at 651-772-2075 for details.

Dayton’s Bluff Recycling

Every Tuesday. Have your recycling on the curb by 7 a.m. Call 651-772-2075 for a bin.
October at the Mounds Theatre

“Rocky Horror” Run Extended

“The Rocky Horror Picture Show” continues its run at the Mounds Theatre throughout October. This is the original 1975 cult motion picture. The movie, accompanied by live performances and audience participation, will be shown on October 4, 18, 31 and November 1. All shows begin at 11:00 p.m. Ticket price is $7.00. The Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 showings are special Halloween events. The Nov. 1 show is the final one of the season.

For people who don’t want to stay up so late or aren’t interested in live performances and audience participation, the “Rocky Horror” movie by itself will be shown on Oct. 4 and 18 at 7:00 p.m. at a special price of $5.00.

Real Haunted Tours

This Halloween, why settle for a fake haunted house? The historic Mounds Theatre is recognized as one of St. Paul’s most haunted locations by the many psychics and ghost hunters who have visited it. Three resident ghosts remain within its walls as well as the nameless shadows that roam the aisles and the visiting spirits who have been seen sitting in the auditorium to watch shows alongside the living audience members.

This October the Mounds Theatre is hosting Real Haunted Tours, which means you will have an opportunity to visit this unique location and have a guided tour led by professional ghost hunters.

For one hour, you and nine other people will have two experienced paranormal investigators walk you through the theatre in near darkness. They will answer your questions, show you how to ghost hunt yourself, and you will hear the stories of the resident ghosts and why they seem to be tied there. Don’t forget to bring your camera, voice recorder or video camera and attempt to catch your own evidence!

Special Tour Event: During every tour we will be giving you an opportunity to try and speak to the theatre ghosts and hear their replies in audible EVP form! Our paranormal technician has made a Ghost Box radio scanner that will allow you to have a chance at hearing responses to your questions in real-time.

Tours will run throughout October. All tickets must be booked in advance due to the limited size of each tour group. Tickets cost $20 if prepaid or $25 if paid at the door. Visit www.realhauntedtours.com for more information and to order tickets.

“Dead Reckoning”

“Dead Reckoning” is a new television series in the “pitch” stage, with its first episode filmed at St. Paul’s historic Mounds Theatre. Each hour-long episode will take you on a haunting, paranormal investigatory journey to historical locations throughout Minnesota and the upper midwest plain states.

Join us at the Mounds Theatre for an exclusive screening of the Premiere Episode. Meet the “Dead Reckoning” cast, and be a part of the beginning of a new television series. This will take place on Thursday October 23 and Friday October 24 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is $10 with all proceeds going to the Portage for Youth.

Also watch “On the Road with Jason Davis” on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 10:35 p.m on KSTP TV Channel 5 to see the making of “Dead Reckoning” at the Mounds Theatre.

For more information concerning any of these events, please visit www.MoundsTheatre.org or call 651-772-2253. The Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Set of 12 Dayton’s Bluff postcards

The Dayton’s Bluff area has always been picturesque. It has so many scenic views—and now they are available in postcards! There are 12 different scenes, including the 3M Campus (front page), the Seventh Street Improvement Arches (top), Margaret Recreation Center (above) and nine others.

A set of 12 is $10—only $5 for Dayton’s Bluff residents. Photography and printing of the postcards was donated by Dayton’s Bluff resident Steve Trimble. All proceeds support our local paper, the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum. Call 651-772-2075 for more information.
Mystery postcard with community connection

By Steve Trimble

The Forum was recently sent an old postcard with a community connection. The contributors didn’t know much about it, having found it on eBay. So we set the Forum’s crack research team on a mission to see what they could discover. This is what they found out.

But first, a description of the postcard. On the front it showed a color photograph entitled “Machine Gun Training.” It had been sent to “Carrie Snelling, 231 Maria Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota.” Here’s the message: “Dear Folks, Thursday. Arrived here O.K. and next leaving for the camp. This is the South and I guess you know they Hope it will be O.K. Tell Marie to be sure and send the fifteen as I will need it. Love Roy.” It came from Camp McCain and was post-marked from Grenada, Mississippi, on January 21, 1943.

The house still stands on Maria and is located just about where the street intersects with Hudson Road. Built in 1906, it contains 1560 square feet, three bedrooms and one bathroom.

The 1918 city directory indicated that Mr. and Mrs. William Westphalinger resided at this address. The 1924 city directory indicated that William had married in 1919. The 1930 city directory indicates that William was a verifier employed by the U.S. Customs Service, and revealed that his wife’s first name was Carrie, although other sources spell it Carrie. According to his obituary William, who was born in Maine, was one of five brothers to have enlisted in the army in 1896, during the time of the Spanish-American war. He was as-signed to Ft. Snelling and served as the leader of the Third Infantry band until 1905, at which time he retired in 1919, and remained active in a number of local fraternal and veteran’s organizations. William died on March 7, 1941, and was not around for the postcard’s arrival. He did rate a sizeable obituary in the Pio-neer Press. It has been difficult to find informa-tion about Roy. The only Google references found concern the fact that Roy Westphalinger of Mechanic Arts had been the St. Paul hockey-scoring champion in 1924 with a total of ten goals. The 1941 city directory listed Carrie as a widow living with Helen M. and Roy S. (for Stanley) who was a salesman for Ramaley Printing, a downtown business.

According to military records, on May 6, 1942, Roy went into the infantry at Fort Snelling during World War Two. Nothing is known at this point about what he did between that time and when he was sent to the fort in Mississippi. The World War bonus lists are on microfilm at the Minne-sota Historical Society. They were compiled in the late 1940’s and early 1950’s and give some new information. Although hard to read, they seem to say that he served as a clerk in the Army. They also state that he was honorably discharged in August 29, 1945. At the time the bonus lists were developed his address was given as 1596 Ashland Avenue, apartment #4, apparently living with his sister. Their mother Cary continued to live in the old family home until her death in 1947. There does not seem to be a mention of her life in the local news-paper obituary section. Helen Marie continued to be found in the city directories. In 1951 Roy’s sister, listed as H. Marie, was a ste-neographer for NSF, and lived at 1596 Ashland, apartment #4. A decade later found her at 1877 Grand, apartment #200, still working for NSF. The MHS records give her date of death as March 27, 1981.

The last trace of a Roy Westphalinger—although it may be a different person—was found on the Internet. It was a New York Times reprint of an April 27, 1969 report on golf in a Sunday issue of a California newspaper. So maybe our postcard mailed over to the West Coast. At least for now, the trail seems to have gone cold. Roy could not be found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- index, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in- dex, but he has surely passed away by now. There are no Westphalingers found in the social security death in-.
**Mystery Photo: Who, What, Where, When, Why and How?**

Photo by: That might spoil the surprise

We’ll give you some of the answers: It’s a dead elm tree being carved with a chainsaw in mid September somewhere in Dayton’s Bluff. But where exactly is it located and what will it be when it is finished? The answers to all these questions and more will be revealed in the November issue of the Forum.

**House of Representatives 2008 Minnesota State Fair Poll results**

During the 12-day run of the Minnesota State Fair, 7,465 fairgoers took the poll conducted by nonpartisan House Public Information Services. It is an informal, unscientific survey on issues discussed in prior legislative sessions and may again be topics of discussion.

Nearly 50 percent of those participating in the 2008 House of Representatives State Fair Poll support raising the state’s sales tax by three-eightths of 1 percent with the money dedicated to the environment and arts.

Voters will be asked the dedicated funding question at the Nov. 4 election. While 42.9 percent of fair voters oppose the measure, 57.1 percent believe it would fund important projects while adding only a minor financial burden on the state’s budget. Fifty-two percent believe the measure is constitutional and the state should offer an investment tax credit for bio-science business investments. However, 30.2 percent were undecided on the issue.

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And, finally, 35.2 percent of polltakers said ice hockey should be designated the state sport, 62.1 percent believe undergraduate students at a state college or university should have their tuition locked in so it cannot increase during a four-year period; 61 percent said the state’s nuclear power plant construction moratorium should be lifted; and 60 percent believe lawn care companies and other commercial applicators should post 48-hour advance warnings before spraying city yards or farm fields with weed killers or other pesticides.

With the state looking at a potential multi-billion dollar deficit next fiscal year, voters narrower support budget cuts as opposed to tax increases, 46.5 percent to 43 percent. However, 84.6 percent of voters do not want to have clothing subject to sales tax.

Just over 7,000 votes were cast on whether law enforcement should be able to stop a motorist solely for not wearing a seat belt. By five votes, fairgoers believe they should.

Thirty more people voted “yes” instead of “no” when asked if public school students should be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance each day.

Two-thirds of polltakers said voters should be required to show a picture identification at the polls; 62.1 percent believe undergraduate students at a state college or university should have their tuition locked in so it cannot increase during a four-year period; 61 percent said the state’s nuclear power plant construction moratorium should be lifted; and 60 percent believe lawn care companies and other commercial applicators should post 48-hour advance warnings before spraying city yards or farm fields with weed killers or other pesticides.

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**You are invited to the Dayton’s Bluff Fall Vacant Home Tour**

Sunday, October 26th ... 1pm To 5pm
Pick Up Map and Information at 798 E 7th Street on the corner of 7th & Margaret

SEE GREAT HOUSES
ENJOY FREE TROLLEY RIDES
GET INFORMATION ON REHABBING AND FINANCING

Dayton’s Bluff is the place to be!
*History and Architecture
*Great people
*Close to downtown
*Parks and views

With creativity and imagination, “Possibilities” can become reality – Let us show you how!

Please email Karin@DaytonsBluf.org or call Karin at 651-772-2075 for more information
Visit the web www.daytonsbluf.org

Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Home Tour is hosted by Dayton’s Bluff Vacant Building Committee - A neighborhood grassroots group with a passion for our neighborhood, and for rehabbing and restoring property - A committee of the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council.
Community Council Board of Director Candidate Profiles

Susan Richter
At Large

Susan moved into Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood in 2002. She has strong interests in nature, birding, ecology, and environmental education.

Her goals include: to become involved in neighborhood concerns and help find solutions, as well as to promote Dayton’s Bluff as a great place to live. She is very interested in Dayton’s Bluff and Indian Mounds Park cultural and natural history.

Challenges include: to celebrate that diversity and learn from and about the other to make Dayton’s Bluff the best neighborhood in Saint Paul.

Jean Comstock
Subdistrict B

Jean has been on the board since 2003. She is the current Board Secretary and serves on the Vacant Building, District Plan, and Arts and Culture Committees. She has lived in Dayton’s Bluff since 1982.

Her goals include: helping residents improve the exteriors of historic homes, and to improve safety and the sense of community in the neighborhood.

Challenges that face Dayton’s Bluff include: dealing with effects of foreclosures/vacant houses and poor economy; and negative impacts of poorly managed rental properties.

Lara Merritt
Subdistrict B

Lara is new to Dayton’s Bluff, but has ten years experience in community and political organizing here in Minneapolis. She is member of MN Multi-Housing Association, certified in Property Crime Free Property Management, and is well versed in MN Landlord and Tenant Law.

Her goals include: to see an aggressive clean up of rental properties that are poorly managed and not see these properties become vacant, but become nice homes for decent citizens in the community. She would also like to see more small businesses in the community.

Challenges include: like all city neighborhoods, issues that stem from poverty, such as homes falling apart, community members striving to find ways/solutions to rectify this, and vacant properties. Our community needs to stabilize these properties with homeowners, good tenants, and new business owners.

Paul Godfrey
Subdistrict C

Paul has lived in Dayton’s Bluff since 2002 and has served on the board for four years. He is a recent law school graduate.

His goals include: making the neighborhood better for existing and new business. Also improving the housing quality and affordability in Dayton’s Bluff.

Challenges facing Dayton’s Bluff are: vacant commercial buildings in poor condition; and a poor but improving image of Dayton’s Bluff.

David Skelton
Subdistrict D

David has served on the board for two years. He has lived in Dayton’s Bluff for four years and is an active block club member.

One of his goals is to help for foster engagement in the community.

Challenges include: residents’ detachment from civic life.

John Barbie
Subdistrict D

John has lived in the Mounds Park neighborhood for nine years. He has been on the board for two years and is currently the Vice President. He is Co-chair of the Greenspace Committee, which recently created the Dayton’s Bluff Community Garden Group, which is working on creating a community garden within Skinner Park. The community garden will be a place for residents to grow their own food. John is a member of the Vento/ Mississippin Trail Connection Steering Committee.

He views the greatest challenges in Dayton’s Bluff as the disproportionate amount of vacant homes, and the perception of it being an unsafe neighborhood. Currently one of the ways the District Council is working on these obstacles is the vacant home Tour.

Jacob Dorer
Subdistrict D

Jacob has lived in the Mounds Park neighborhood for 12 years and has served on the Community Council for most of that time. He was president for two years and chairs the Vacant Building and District Plan Committees and also chairs the work of city committees. He also maintains the Mounds Park email list.

His goals include: addressing the vacant home problem, work to develop better park planning, and better relationships between neighbors.

Challenges facing Dayton’s Bluff are: the falling home values, concentration of rental properties, and a need to improve the marketing and image of the neighborhood.

Business Breakfast Networking Event

Wednesday October 15
7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

The fourth Eastside Community-Business Networking Event is being held in the community room of the Ames Lake Community Center, 1144 Barlkey; just 2 blocks south of Maryland. Barbkey is just East of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Building located near Maryland between Johnson Parkway and White Bear Ave. There is free on-street parking.

These free events provide a stimulating space and time for connecting with others working on Building Community on the Eastside; and always have plenty of free hot coffee, rolls, fruit, and juice available. The Theme for October’s session is “Building a Better Community For Eastside Youth.”

Representatives of the Mayor’s office, and the East Side Learning Collaborative, will make brief presentations between 8:00 and 8:20 a.m. with a lively question and answer session to follow. A number of youth serving agencies will have information tables at the event as well. Topics to be covered include: Fall Circle, Kidventure opportunities, the Minneapolis City Recreation, and Technical College, areas of study include Childhood education, and College Access work among others. Also invited to be a representative of the St. Paul Police Juvenile unit talk about Youth Crime and Prevention.

These free networking events bring residents and business people together, as well as government officials and foundation representatives, every 2-3 months to make informal connections and network around Eastside concerns and possibilities. October’s event will be sponsored by: the Eastside Social Leaders Action Network (SLAN), and Bolder Options (a Youth Serving and Mentoring organization www.bolderoptions.org).

RSVP to Ed Lambert 651-772-2075, or just show up if you later decide you can come.

John hopes to see our community garden development create a positive message seen beyond Dayton’s Bluff.

A letter to Subdistrict B residents from a candidate for the Community Council Board Of Directors

By Lara Merrill

I am a new resident to Dayton’s Bluff, only 15 days, and with complete sincerity I can say I love living here! Dayton’s Bluff is certainly well on its way to becoming a particular place to live, work, attend school, and raise a family. Two pressing issues are two issues which immediately come to my attention in District B: 1. There are only a handful of small businesses and 2. a handful of neglected housing properties.

I want the opportunity to serve on the Board and to work with the community with their current goals of bringing more vitality to the neighborhood through stabilization, addressing livability issues, and recognizing and promoting the natural beauty of the Bluff and its residents. I have a property and leasing Management Company; I also rent a property owner. One of my areas of expertise is “Clean-Up and Lease-Up.”

I specialize in stabilizing Dayton’s Bluff, which have been neglected due to previous absent landlords and foreclosures. This means cleaning up the properties and their units aesthetically, and generally renting the property to new strong applicants. My management motto is “We strive for clean, safe, and healthy properties. Our Residents are responsible and respectful citizens.”

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By Mary Ann Cogelow

“Children are always the only future the human race has. Teach them well.” Anonymous

If we in the United States want our future as a nation and the future of the planet to be as bright as possible, we need to take these words to heart in our politics. This means that each of us needs to see that our personal future depends not only on the children we raise in our own homes, but on all children. It further requires that we think carefully about what we do as individuals and collectively as a society to invest in all of the children who are our future.

In an article in the business section of the Minneapolis Star Tribune (September 1, 2008), Chuck Slocum, President of the Williston Group, offered to you, Senator McCain and Senator Obama, Minnesota’s expertise in supporting children before they enter kindergarten so that they arrive on the first day of their formal schooling fully prepared to take advantage of being well taught. He touched briefly on a number of important points that I want to examine in more detail.

One of these is the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank’s research on the economic return of investing in early childhood development. In the March, 2004 issue of the Fed Gazette, Art J. Rolnick and Rob Grunewald argued that early childhood development is the best public investment that society can make: “Persuasive economic research indicates that there is a far more promising approach to economic development with government assistance. It rests not on an externally oriented strategy of offering subsidies to attract private companies, but rather on government support of those much closer to home – quite literally: our youngest children.” When arguing that all of us need to pool our resources, including our financial resources, in support of the healthy development of infants and toddlers, there exists a danger that we in the collective sense will attempt to “fix” children and in the process send a message to parents that they really don’t matter that much, that they don’t have and can’t acquire the competence to parent their children well. We really have to see and support the parents as needing in- terest in the future well being of the United States of America

I want to draw attention to the fact that, while it was established as a school success program, it takes a broad approach to understanding the base of cognitive and educational success for kids. Mr. Slocum in his letter to you mentioned the six “learning domains” measured by the Minnesota Department of Education. These are Social and Emotional Development, Approaches to Learning, Language and Literacy Development, Cognitive Development, and Physical and Motor Development. All of them play essential roles in school and life success. Some programs which claim to be about school success get too narrowly focused on direct teaching of reading and math skills to young children. Minnesota Early Childhood has a long and proud history of focusing on the broad base of development for the soundest possible readiness for school and for life.

Most of the evaluation of the Minnesota Early Childhood Family Education Program is anecdotal and informal because good formal evaluation costs money and money has always been too scarce in these programs. The formal evaluations which have been done are the pilot program for all parents who attend and attest to continuing parent involvement on the part of parents when their children enter elementary school. Further more, the Program has come to the positive attention of the Harvard Family Research Project and other evaluators. The Minnesota Association for Family and Early Childhood Education online at www.mafee.org has much, much more information on specific evaluations of Minnesota Early Childhood Family Education programs as well as a wealth of resources.
HOMEWORK HELP AT THE ZONE

The Zone at the Dayton’s Bluff Library is a homework help center where students of all ages are welcome. This Library is part of the Metropolitan State University campus, located at 645 E. 7th Street.

The Zone has comfortable furniture, computers, reference books, office supplies, and mentors for homework assistance.

The Zone is a quiet, comfortable space for students to do homework on their own, or to seek help if they need it.

HOURS
Monday–Thursday
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Adult volunteers are needed. Please call (651) 793-1699.

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of other information about the benefits of the program.

A last word: While I believe that all of us need to do our level best as a society to ensure that all of our children are fully ready to take advantage of school, academic success is not the whole story. We do need to close the achievement gap and we need to raise academic achievement for all of our children. But we need to achieve more than academic success. We need to raise children who are also emotionally intelligent, compassionate, morally sound and ready for citizenship. Please think wisely about these issues. If you are leading a national campaign, please assign staff members to learn more about the education of very young children. These are issues of national security and national prosperity. Thank you!

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