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Monday, October 22

Community Council election – annual meeting – free dinner

by Karin DuPaul

Community Organizer

Dayton's Bluff Community Council

The election for the Dayton's Bluff Community Council board of directors will be held on **Monday, October 22**. Polls are open from **9:00 am until 5:00 pm** at 798 East 7th Street. Then the voting moves to the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center at 800 Conway, the site of the Annual Community Dinner, from

5:00-7:00 pm.

Dayton's Bluff residents age 18 and over may vote. Voters may choose two representatives for the subdistrict where they reside, and one for an at-large seat. Write-in candidates are also permitted. The subdistrict map will be available at the voting area.

The board of directors has 18 members, of whom 16 are representatives of the four subdistricts and two are at-large

positions. Subdistrict representatives must reside in the subdistrict, while at-large members may be either a resident of Dayton's Bluff, an owner or operator of a Dayton's Bluff business or organization, or a property owner in Dayton's Bluff. Nine of the 18 members are elected each year for two-year terms.

Absentee ballots are available if requests are made at least 10 days prior to the election, in writing, and signed by

the voter. Ballots will be mailed to the voter at least seven days before the election and must be received back in the council office by October 22.

The community council's election, annual meeting, and the free community dinner will be at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center starting at **5:30 pm**. The state of the community address by City Council President Kathy Lantry will be followed by the election results.

Budding entrepreneurs learn to grow



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Graduation for the spring Dayton's Bluff Microentrepreneur Business Class was held on September 5 at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office. The fall class session begins September 26.

Would you like to serve on the Community Council Board?

Elections for the board of directors of Dayton's Bluff Community Council will be held on **Monday, October 22**, as described above.

Although it's too late to file as a candidate, you can still run as a write-in candidate. You and your supporters can simply write in your name on the ballot.

A candidate forum with more information will be held before the election, or you may email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-772-2075 with questions.

Contribute to the Forum!

editor@daytonsbluff.org

Gateway Food Co-op, still in planning stages, receives grant to build cooperative economy

from a Gateway Food Co-op press release

The Gateway Food Cooperative, whose mission it is to establish a sustainable, natural foods cooperative on the East Side of St. Paul, is pleased to announce that it was one of 10 food co-ops selected to receive funding through a competitive seed grant program sponsored by Food Co-op Initiative, a national non-profit organization dedic-

ated to helping communities make their co-op vision into reality.

The funding will support Gateway's community outreach and member-owner recruitment efforts. "Reaching out and building relationships is key to realizing our vision for a food co-op that is representative of the rich cultural diversity of our community on the East Side of St. Paul," says Beth Butterfield, co-chair of

the Gateway Food Co-op Steering Committee.

The Gateway Food Co-op hopes to provide healthy, local, ethically-produced food here on the East Side.

Phalen Ovenworks' Craig and Adrienne Schulz are actively supporting the co-op effort, selling homemade artisan bread from their home at 1172 Ivy **every Sunday from 4:00-6:00 pm**. The

Schulzes are also hosting a wood-fired pizza party – free to Gateway Co-op member-owners – on **Saturday, October 6, from 5:00-8:00 pm**. Need more information before committing to membership? Come to the pizza party – same-day registrations are welcome.

Visit www.gatewaytofood.org to become a member and learn more about the Gateway Food Co-op.

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A bald eagle alights on a playground backstop in Mounds Park. Read more about Dayton's Bluff's resident eagle family on page 4.

Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, October 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office, 798 East 7th Street. The object is to work on community-building, as well as criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other concerns or good things in the Bluff.

Please submit addresses of any problem properties to karin@daytonsbuff.org or 651-772-2075 before the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

Dayton's Bluff Beat Phone

The Police Beat Phone, 651-341-7637, is available for residents' calls. It is not answered on officers' days off, when they are having special training, or on vacations. Call about ongoing neighborhood problems; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10:00 pm; police-related questions, etc. **If you need police right away or see a crime in progress, call 911 or 651-291-1111.**

Take-a-Hike October 6

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, October 6**. Hikers meet at **10:30 am** in Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, and walk to East Side Heritage Park. The hike is about two hours (four miles) with some moderately rough terrain. Share stories about recent and distant history of Dayton's Bluff. Transportation to Indian Mounds Park is available, if required. All are welcome.

Donate your junk car

Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junker and dispose of it at no charge to you. The vehicle owner receives a tax deduction, and the Dayton's Bluff Community Council will receive a donation. Call 651-772-2075 or email june@daytonsbuff.org.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month. Please call to confirm the location. The next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 pm** at 622 Beaumont Street. For more information, email swedehollow@gmail.com or call 651-776-0550.

Meet the police

The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meeting for community members at 722 Payne Avenue, at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are **Wednesday, October 17, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, October 19, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Annual Dinner and Voting/Meeting Event

Dayton's Bluff Community Council invites you to the Annual Dinner and Voting/Meeting Event at the Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center on **October 22 from 5:15-7:45 pm**. We encourage write-in candidates! Please contact karin@daytonsbuff.org or call 651-772-2075 with questions.

This October at the Historic Mounds Theatre

by Raeann Ruth, Executive Director of the Mounds Theatre

Real Haunted Tours

This Halloween, why settle for a fake haunted house? Coming again in October 2012: Real Haunted Tours – where the ghosts are real!

An historic building from the 1920s, the 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 who roam the aisles and the visiting spirits who have been seen sitting in the auditorium to watch shows alongside the living audience members.

For one hour, you and up to 24 other people will walk through the theatre in near-darkness with two experienced paranormal investigators. In that hour, you will learn the history of the building and hear the stories of the resident spirits. They will also answer your questions and help you ghost-hunt yourself. The tour includes several pauses for evidence-gathering and invitations for activity, so don't forget to bring your camera, voice recorder or video camera and attempt to catch your own evidence!

Tour dates and times:

October 5, 6, 12, 13 – Hourly tours, 7:00 pm-12:00 midnight

October 19, 20, 26, 27 – Hourly tours, 7:00 pm-12:00 midnight

October 21 and 28 – Hourly tours, 6:00-10:00 pm

Make your reservations early as tours sell out fast. Tickets may be purchased on our website at www.moundstheatre.org.

Mysterious Minnesota book launch

Come to the Historic Mounds Theatre on **Thursday, October 11 at 7:30 pm** for the book launch of *Mysterious Minnesota* with author Adrian Lee. This event is free and open to the public.

There will be an author presentation, book signing, and giveaways to include books, tickets to a local haunted tour, and a gift certificate for Twin Cities Magic & Costume Shop.

In his new book, local historian Adrian Lee digs up the ghostly past of Minnesota's most haunted landmarks. The state's rich and oftentimes strange history comes to life in *Mysterious Minnesota*, which explores the spooky past of 13 local haunts, including St. Paul's Historic Mounds Theatre, Minneapolis City Hall, The Soap Factory, The Wabasha Street Caves, and Fort Snelling. Lee and his team of paranormal investigators prove that while Minnesotans of long ago have passed, their presence is still very much alive.

Adrian Lee is a historian, teacher and lecturer. Originally from London, he studied history at London University and spent 14 years lecturing throughout the UK before settling in Minnesota as current vice president of the Sauk Centre Area Historical Society. Lee is founder of the International Paranormal Society, co-founder and lead writer for Ecto Magazine, a publication for paranormal investigators, and a former news correspondent for Darkness Radio. He lives in Sauk Centre, MN.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; www.moundstheatre.org

Upcoming opportunities at... **Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center**

- **High School open gym**
Every Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 pm
- **FREE ARTS** every Thursday evening
from 6:00-7:00 pm, starting October 4.
- We also have a studio in the process of opening in Oct. and a host of other activities for kids.
- **Open Gym for age 13 and under**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45 pm
- **Rec Check FREE** after-school program, Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 pm – limited space available
- **Girls' Group**, ages 12-17, every Thursday, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Judo Class** every Monday, 6:00-8:00 pm, \$12 per month
- **Free Zumba class** on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center dance room
- **Cheer America** every Monday, 6:00-7:00 pm, \$6 per class
- **Basketball Basic Skills** for ages 6-14, every Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm
- **Karate class** every Wednesday, 6:00-8:00 pm, \$6 per class
- **Parent & Tot time** every Wednesday and Friday in the gym, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- **Messy Fingers Art** for kids 5 & under every Friday, 10:00-11:00 am, \$38 for 6-week session through October 26.



The Dayton's Bluff Rec Center is located at 800 Conway Street.

We are open Monday through Thursday, 3:00-8:00 pm; Friday 3:00-6:00 pm.

Questions?

Call us at 651-793-3885

Stop by and check us out!

Upcoming events at Mounds Park United Methodist Church

130th anniversary of Holman Memorial Methodist Church

by Gene Wandersee
Mounds Park United Methodist Church member

On Sunday, October 21, the 130th anniversary of the Holman Memorial Methodist Church will be observed at the Mounds Park United Methodist Church on the corner of Earl and Euclid Streets. The worship service begins at **10:30 am**, followed by fellowship. Former members of the Holman congregation are cordially invited to attend.

In 1875, the Grace Methodist Church purchased property on Bates Avenue and Euclid Street and sponsored a mission Sunday School and worship service in a building that was built at the site. For six years the work continued as a mission church.

On October 24, 1882, the first members were enrolled and on November 6, the Rev. F.O. Holman, for whom the church was named, was the first appointed pastor of the congregation. On July 14, 1904, the cornerstone of a new church building was laid and the building was dedicated on February 12, 1905.

In 1968, the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren denominations merged to form the United Methodist denomination. On Sunday, June 11, 1978, the Holman and the Mounds Park congregations voted to unite, and the union became effective on June 15, 1978. On Sunday, June 25, 1978 a special union service was held at the Mounds Park site, and because of the location, the name Mounds Park United Methodist was agreed upon.

October events at MPUMC

submitted by Jan Pluff
Mounds Park United Methodist Church member

All are welcome to our **Open House on Sunday, October 7**. Come check us out!

- **Community Breakfast**, 8:15-9:00 am. Call ahead so we can plan the food. Breakfast will be every Sunday until November 11.
- **Sunday School Classes** for adult, youth (grades 7-12) and children (preschool and older) start at 9:15 am every Sunday.
- **Service**: 10:30-11:30 am every Sunday.
- **Fellowship**, including coffee and treats, following service.
- **Family/Kids' Club**: 4:00-5:30 pm (Open to all families with children through sixth grade. For children under 5 years old, parents need to stay). Meet at Church and we will go to the park for a Nature Scavenger Hunt. Family/Kids' Club meets on the first Sunday of each month.
- **Sundays and Youth** (grades 7-12) 4:00-5:30 pm. Activity to be determined. Sundays and Youth meets every Sunday.

Brownies Girl Scouts meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 6:45-8:00 pm.

Daisy Girl Scouts (girls ages 5 and 6) meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 6:00-7:00 pm, starting October 25.

October 20: Glorious Grocery Giveaway. Open to all. Doors open at 10:00 am, and giveaway starts at 10:30 am.

October 21: Family Movie Night. Games at 4:30 pm, dinner at 5:30 (free-will donations) and movie at 6:00. The movie is *Monsters, Inc.* Everyone is welcome.

October 31: Hallelujah Harvest (Halloween party) 5:30-8:00 pm. Dinner, games, candy and photos taken. All are welcome.

¡Bailamos!



Photo by Steve Trimble

Dancers perform at the Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival on September 9.

Renew old friendships, reminisce, and rejoice!

from a St. John Lutheran School release

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, in celebrating their 140th anniversary, will host an all-school/confirmands Alumni Reunion on **Saturday, October 6, from 2:00-8:00 pm**. The celebration event is free and will include a special

service, remembrances from former St. John instructors, an open microphone for attendees to share their memories, and a chance to tour the school. Dinner, catered by the Little Oven, will be served at 5:30 pm and is \$10 per plate. The evening will

conclude with a concert by Proclamation, a Christian rock band that includes several St. John graduates.

Please RSVP to the school at 771 Margaret Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, 651-771-6406, or school@stjohnnev.net.

Maternity of Mary – St. Andrew School's Harvest Fest

by Beth Hyser, St. Andrew School

YOU'RE INVITED! Maternity of Mary – St. Andrew School is having its annual Harvest Fest celebration.

Save the date for **Friday, October 12, from 6:00-9:30 pm** in Sirba Hall, Maternity of Mary Church, 1414 N. Dale Street.

More than 25 local restaurants and bars will be on hand to share their cuisine. This includes appetizers, entrees, desserts as well as beer and

wine! Invite a neighbor, bring family and friends and come enjoy a night of food and fun! Proceeds from this event benefit our wonderful school.

Early Bird Special: Purchase your tickets on or before Wednesday, October 6 for \$25 each, or two for \$45. After October 6, tickets are \$30 each, or two for \$55. We welcome guests 21 years of age or older.

Only 350 tickets are available, so don't miss out. Call our

school office for more information: 651-489-1459, stop in to purchase your tickets at 592 Arlington Ave West in St. Paul, or go to our website at www.mmaschool.org to find the order form. Join us for a fun night!

Harvest Fest is still seeking restaurants to participate. If your establishment is interested, please call the school at 651-489-1459.

Bargains and pancakes at St. John's

by Greg Cosimini, Trustee, St. John's Catholic Church

St. John's Catholic Church has two fundraising events coming up. First, there is a "Bargains Galore" rummage sale at the end of September. Hours of the sale are **8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Thursday and**

Friday, September 27 and 28, and from 8:00 am to noon on Saturday, September 29.

Then on **Sunday, October 7**, the VFW will sponsor a pancake breakfast and silent auction. Both events will be held in

the church hall in the basement of the church.

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Mounds Park eagles of 2012

by *Dayton's Bluff*
resident Stan Wandersee

Wednesday early evening, September 5, 2012: I took the dog for a walk in the park on a perfect evening – 70 degrees.

Coming down past the beacon on the walkway, looking at the Capitol with a vivid blue and orange sky, there I was in the completely-silent park, alone with the dog. No, we weren't alone! There was a juvenile eagle floating over the bluff with no effort, catching the air currents off the bluff. What a beautiful sight to see. Was it one from our Mounds Park aerie, maybe?

It has been another eventful year. As usual, it starts around January and February when nature steps in with the call to mate and lay eggs... and the story goes on. This is the third year our resident eagles have produced two young eaglets. The adult pair roosted in the cottonwood tree over my back deck from early evening 'til morning. Then they were off, either to get something to eat – mainly fish from the river – or to find twigs and sticks to add to their nest. A few fish remains land in our yard. This year, the eagles added so much to the nest that you could only see the whites of the adults' heads when they sat in the nest. On the fifth of March, there was only one adult roosting in the tree. Guess where the other adult was: laying eggs for the big hatch.

I figured hatching time would be about the second week of April. I watched as both parents took turns keeping the eggs warm and turning them. And, yes, in the second week of April, the food and activity began. But we couldn't see the little fuzzballs until May.

Many interested neighborhood residents and people from other parts of the city and neighboring towns came by the house asking, how many are there? But we don't really know until they climb to the edge of the aerie to propel their feces. Yes, there were two eaglets, growing fast. They grew faster this year than in the past.

The morning of July 30, the aerie was empty – they were gone. No one in the neighborhood saw them leave. What could have happened to them? The parents would bring food to the aerie and call, but no eaglets would show up. The adults would look to the sky in bewilderment, wondering where their young eag-



Photo by Stan Wandersee

An adult eagle and its two eaglets call and wait for the other parent to bring dinner to their Mounds Park aerie. Notice the juvenile eaglets are nearly the same size as their parent.

lets were.

In retrospect, Mounds Park production has been good to the eagle population. Did you know that their mortality rate is approximately 40% when they take their first flight? They crash land, get injured, and starve to death, or a four-legged animal will get them. But lo and behold, Sunday evening just before sunset, a dark shadow flew over and landed on a branch hanging over the street. Now we know that one of the eaglets survived its

maiden flight. Later that same evening, the second one appeared in the cottonwood tree in the back yard. What a huge sigh of relief.

This year, the pair left their aerie two weeks earlier than in the past. It seems everything was early this year because of the warm spring weather, and now we are having an early fall.

Question: do they play among themselves like other animals? I don't know, but observing their actions, I think it's possessive instinct. Shortly after they started to fly, they would sit on the backstop of the Mounds Park playground and fly to the roof of the maintenance building and chase each other around on the roof for an object which I thought was a morsel of food, but turned out to be a large pressed-paper tube from a 4th of July bottle rocket.

The aerie is vacant now, which I'm sure pleases the neighbors whose white pine tree holds the aerie. The eagles' discarded items and whitewash feces cover their yard and sky light.

I'm sure the parents and the juveniles are all doing well, catching fresh or rotten fish full of maggots or flies. Don't turn up your nose just because it smells bad; it is packed with protein and omega 3. We hope the adult pair will return the beginning of the year and do more rebuilding and adding to their aerie. Then the cycle starts all over again and we will hear the high-pitched whistle or shrill scream calling one another.

Keep looking up, as you may catch sight of one or two eagles. Mounds Park has added six more eagles to the population over three years. The first juveniles that fled in 2010 will start to become adults in the next year. It takes 4 to 5 years before they start getting their white feathers or patches when they molt. As a side note, it was perfect timing Sunday writing this article at 2:00 in the afternoon; one of the juvenile eagles just returned to the nest. It's the first sighting I observed in over 3 weeks.

Active neighbor returns home

by *Danny Evans, Forum intern*

Returning home again sure feels sweet to Angela DuPaul, a resident of Dayton's Bluff and a member of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council (DBCC).

Angela's community involvement began at a young age. She would bring books and activities to board meetings attended by her family in Dayton's Bluff. When her family got their first computer, she designed flyers for her neighborhood; soon she was writing and became the editor of the Upper Swede Hollow Newsletter. She served on a number of committees, including the DBCC board, and edited the *Forum* newspaper.

As a young adult, Angela moved away from Dayton's Bluff. But then, she said, "a house came up for sale that reminded me of those I'd admired as a kid. It was the right size in the right location at the right time. Thus I became a Dayton's Bluff homeowner." Angela hopes to make a bright future for this community through her involvement in the community council. "The DBCC is where you can stay in the loop as to what's currently going on in the neighborhood and what the upcoming issues that impact us are likely to be," Angela said. "It is also a place where you can help shape our future for the better."

Angela would like to see more businesses move into the Bluff's old commercial buildings and more individuals live in our charming old houses. "Stability in the housing side of things is key to everyone's quality of life." Angela said she would like "new life in our business and residential areas, our churches and our schools. The gaps on East 7th Street would be filled in with new commercial buildings and the existing buildings rehabilitated to create a corridor chock-full of restaurants and stores. The houses would be lovingly cared for by people with an emotional as well as a financial investment in the neighborhood's prosperity." Angela may have left for a while, but as a member of the DBCC and a Dayton's Bluff homeowner, she has truly come home.

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Other people's castoffs are this family's treasure



Photo by Greg Cosimini

Angela and John Leonard on the steps of their It's A Big Deal Antique and Thrift Store at 367 Earl Street. Their sons Andrew and Tony (back row) help run the store.

by Greg Cosimini
Forum board member

It's always a big deal when a new business opens in Dayton's Bluff. In this case, it's literally a big deal because the name of the new antique and thrift store on Earl Street is ... wait for it ... It's A Big Deal.

It's A Big Deal Antique and Thrift Store opened in July at 367 Earl Street, near Hudson Road, across from Leo's Chow Mein. The owners, John and Angela Leonard, have many years of experience in retail sales of all kinds. They've worked a variety of flea markets and finally decided to open a store of their own, aided by their sons Andrew and Tony.

John says the store is not only a family business, but also a benefit to the community. In these difficult financial times he hopes local residents can find useful and affordable items they need.

But bargains aren't the only thing in store at It's a Big Deal. Shoppers can also browse for unique and unusual merchandise that might not be available elsewhere. Shopping at It's A Big

Deal should be fun. John encourages "diggers" who like to hunt for that special treasure.

Angela and John get much of their merchandise from storage locker auctions. They also accept donations and are distributors of some new items.

As to what exactly can be found in the store, the simple answer is just about everything, both new-and-used everything as well as everyday-and-collectible everything. A quick survey of the store reveals clothing, furniture, books, DVDS, CDs, tapes, household items, tools, glassware, electronics, clocks, and assorted doodads and whatnots. At my last visit I saw a collection of cigarette lighters, some bobbleheads, and a number of collectible glass items.

Prices are very reasonable. All clothing is \$1 or less. Thrift store items are 50% off and various antique and white tag items are 40% off.

It's A Big Deal Antique and Thrift Store, at 367 Earl Street near Hudson Road, is open Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday, noon to 7:00 pm.

Community teams up to offer education about Deferred Action for immigrants

by Maryanne Quiroz

On Saturday, September 1, members of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the traditional Aztec dance group Kalpulli Yaocenxtli joined forces with lawyers from Advocates for Human Rights and members of the community organization *Tamales y Bicicletas* to present a workshop for Latino community members to learn more about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known by its acronym DACA. This is the program recently announced by President Obama which allows temporary deferral of deportation and provides work permits to certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children.

About 50 participants gathered at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the East Side. Attendees learned about the requirements of DACA and the application process. Participants were also able to pre-qualify through an online checklist system. Participants who were farther along in the application process had an opportunity to ask questions and

speaking one-on-one with lawyers from Advocates for Human Rights. Document translation for birth certificates was also provided on-site. In addition to these services, each participant received a hard copy of the list of DACA qualification requirements, a list of documents required to apply, a list of immigration lawyers and organizations, and a copy of Form I-821 (the application for Deferred Action) and Form I-765 (the application for Employment Authorization).

The organizing group is currently planning another workshop to follow up with participants who have applied, who are close to applying and who have yet to apply for DACA.

"Our goal is to inform as many community members that would benefit from DACA and to provide these services and information at no-cost to all families," says Sergio Quiroz, founder of Kalpulli Yaocenxtli.

Maryanne Quiroz was one of the organizers of the event. Reach her at mexica.cenoch@gmail.com.

Sowing seeds of beauty



Photo by Karin DuPaul

Attendees of the Bates and 4th Street area garden tour look at the beautiful plants and fish pond. Greening Dayton's Bluff had five garden tours this summer.



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- are not under court-ordered guardianship in which the court revokes your right to vote
- are not found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote
- have the right to vote because, if you have been convicted of a felony, your felony sentence has expired (been completed) or you have been discharged from your sentence

Register to Vote

Before you can vote, you must register. You may register before Election Day, or on Election Day at your polling place. Your registration remains current until you move, change your name, or do not vote for four consecutive years.

Assistance or Accessibility

If you need assistance with voting, you can ask the election judges at the polling place. You can also ask a relative, friend, or neighbor to help you.

All polling places in Ramsey County are fully accessible to elderly and disabled voters, with clearly marked accessible doors and parking spaces. Each polling place will be equipped with an accessible voting device for use by persons with disabilities.

If you can't easily leave your car, you can ask for the ballot to be brought out to you in your car.

If you are confined due to illness or disability, you can vote by absentee ballot.

If you have limited vision, you can be provided with voter registration and absentee ballot instructions in large print, on cassette tape, in Braille, or by TDD.

Absentee Voting

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day because you are:

- away from home
- ill or disabled
- an election judge serving in another precinct
- unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs

Registering on Election Day

If you are not registered to vote or need to update your registration information, you may do so at your local polling location on Election Day as long as you can provide proof of residence. You cannot be denied the right to vote due to the fact that you are in a mortgage foreclosure process.

To register at your polling place on Election Day, you must bring one of the following with your current name and address to verify your residence in the precinct :

- A valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card, or receipt for any of these
- A valid student ID card including your photo, if your college has provided a student housing list to election officials
- A Tribal ID card that contains your picture and signature
- A valid registration in the same precinct under a different name or address
- A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk
- A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address with a signed oath
- An employee of the residential facility where you live who can confirm your address with a signed oath
- Both 1) a photo ID and 2) a current utility bill with your name and address in the precinct



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Latyran Adams — Minnesota dreamer



Photo courtesy of Latyran Adams

by Mark Gallagher, Forum intern

By the ripe old age of six, Latyran Adams was already dreaming of owning her own business. "I grew up in the South," she says, "and even at that young age we worked. We picked pecans, cans, and recycled cans. My mom and my grandparents made us work."

Latyran has an aunt whom she is really close to, and her aunt owned about a dozen businesses throughout her life. Her aunt used to sell T-shirts and a whole bunch of stuff at flea markets. "Growing up, us kids had to work really hard," Latyran says with pride. "We usually worked 10, 11, and sometimes 12 hours out there selling t-shirts and doing other things." Other members of her family owned businesses too, so just being around her family helped Latyran develop a fierce entrepreneurial spirit.

"Growing up with my aunt, she always tried to instill in us the desire to work — because they were hard workers — a very hard-working family. They were just showing us that in order to get the things you want, you have to work really hard for them."

She went to high school in Red Wing, Minn., and

was only 16 when she earned her nursing assistant certificate from Red Wing Technical College in four weeks.

"I went to Inver Hills Community College right out of high school, and then I went to Brown College," Latyran says. "At Brown, my major was Business Management. I didn't take any entrepreneur classes here at Metropolitan State University."

Then, a significant change happened in her life. "I experienced getting help from people and I've always been a caring person myself, so I just wanted to give back and go and be a health professional."

Latyran is currently a senior at Metropolitan State University. She will graduate with a B.A. in Human Services in December and hopes to go on for her Masters Degree in Social

Work — that's her passion. She is thinking of taking a year or so off of school between degrees.

But right now, Latyran runs a business by the name of Bazaar Fetish Boutique, located at 841 East 7th Street. When asked how she chose the name, she explains, "I've always had a fetish for shoes and purses since I was a little girl. I called it Fetish because everything that I have, people have fetishes for. Bazaar was because of the prices, low bazaar prices. ... Times are tough; it's hard to make profit off of things, and that is why I like to make my things affordable."

She elaborates about her business, "My whole concept was I'm always into fashion; I always want to look good. Every time I see something in a magazine or that Kim Kardashian or somebody is wearing, I want something similar. So I'm at the mall, at H&M, or somewhere less affordable trying to find something on that same style."

"It was very scary to exhaust my savings to get into this business. I went out on a limb. I guess you could say I am a gambler. I was at a point in my life where I said to myself, 'I've got this window, and I've always wanted to do this. It's probably not the best time. I don't have a lot of time on my hands, but I was considering getting a new vehicle soon, so either way my money is going to get spent. Maybe I can take a little longer to get a new vehicle if I invest my money to see what I can get out of it. If it does well, I can still get my vehicle later. The clothing party stuff was going well (before Latyran got her business started, she held parties at her house to sell shoes and clothes), so the upside was looking pretty good. So regardless, I'm going to spend it, I might as well try to invest it, if I fail, I tried and I did what I've always wanted to do. I did my best, and I gave my full-fledged heart."

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Who makes your neighborhood a better place?

Accepting nominations for Neighborhood Honor Roll

The St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll acknowledges people who have made Dayton's Bluff a better place to live. This city-wide award honors individuals, groups, and businesses who improve the quality of lives for those who reside, work, and go to school in each district of St. Paul, including Dayton's Bluff.

This year we encourage you to nominate a person, group, or business you think deserves to receive this award. A special certificate will be presented at a dinner and program in January of 2013, and the name of each recipient listed on a plaque at St. Paul City Hall.

Each year, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council identifies three recipients for this award. Please help us by sending the name and contact information for one or more people or a business, and why you believe they should be placed on the Neighborhood Honor Roll. Usually recipients are residents of Dayton's Bluff, but they do not need to be—they just need to have made a positive difference in Dayton's Bluff.

To make a nomination, contact Karin: 651-772-2075 or karin@daytonsbuff.org.

¿Quién hace su vecindario un mayor lugar para vivir?

La Lista de honor de los vecindarios de St. Paul, St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll, reconoce a las personas quienes han hecho Dayton's Bluff un lugar mejor. Este premio hace honor a los individuales, los grupos, y los negocios en toda la ciudad que mejoran la calidad de vida para los que habitan, trabajan, y asisten la escuela en cada distrito de St. Paul, como Dayton's Bluff.

Este año le pedimos que nombren a una persona, un grupo, o un negocio que usted cree que merece este premio. Un certificado especial será presentado con una cena y programa en enero de 2013, y el nombre de cada beneficiario aparecerá en una placa en el ayuntamiento de St. Paul.

Cada año, el Consejo comunitario de Dayton's Bluff identifica a tres personas para ser beneficiarios de este premio. Por favor, ayúdenos y mándenos el nombre de posibles beneficiarios de este premio. Mande la información de contacto de una o más personas o negocios y la razón por la cual debe recibir el premio de ser nombrado en la Lista de honor de los vecindarios de St. Paul. Normalmente los beneficiarios son residentes de Dayton's Bluff, pero no es necesario — simplemente tienen que haber hecho una diferencia positiva en Dayton's Bluff.

Para nominar, llama a Karin: 651-772-2075 o karin@daytonsbuff.org.

History held hostage: 3M Building 1 to be destroyed

by Steve Trimble, Forum board member

One of the most important historic structures in Dayton's Bluff — and in the city for that matter — is being bulldozed by the St. Paul Port Authority. By the time you read this article it may already be a pile of rubble. If it is still standing, drop by for a last look.

So what makes the 3M Building 1 so historic? The Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company — the original name for today's 3M — began operations in 1902, making sandpaper in northern Minnesota. In 1909, Lucius Ordway, its principal investor, had the business moved to St. Paul where he could more easily keep track of its operations.

In the following year, a new three-story plant was erected on Forest Street near Fauquier Street (now named Bush Avenue) in the industrial area located on the south side of the railroad tracks. The 1910 building was a multi-use structure that made sandpaper but also had offices.

One of the interesting early stories about Building 1 was the time the leaders of the emerging company piled heavy bundles of material on the floor to do an inventory on a Friday. That night the watchman heard a huge crash and was horrified to see that there was a big hole in the floor that had collapsed under the weight. The frightened man ran away and the destruction was not discovered until the next Monday. It was soon repaired and reinforced.

In 1916, the company established its first testing laboratory in a corner of a second story storage area in Building 1. The small enclosed, but unfinished area, measured a little more than five by eleven feet in size. It contained a sink, a glue bath for making sample glues, a tensile-strength tester for checking the strength of paper and other backings, a rub testing machine and a work bench. Some machinery had to be just outside the door, because the room was so small that if someone came to visit, the lab worker had to go outside to make room for them to enter.

Still, the little closet-like spot was the setting for many historic inventions and developments. It was there the company developed an abrasive cloth product called "THREE-M-ITE," whose impressive sales propelled the young company into the national market.

The increased sales spurred by the progress inside Building 1 created a need for a new building, but the restrictions on building material during World War One led to the decision to make an addition of an eighty five by thirty foot partial fourth story. It included more offices, but they still had to be shared even by directors such as William McKnight.

In 1925, Richard G. Drew, a 3M laboratory employee and Central High School graduate, began testing products in Building 1. Looking for a soft adhesive that could be used in automotive industry painting, he developed "Scotch" Brand masking tape after many trials on the second floor. It caught on and became another popular product.

But that's not all that happened in Building 1. After his first success, Drew built on the lessons of masking tape and began testing the application of adhesive on cellophane—a much trickier process. And on that historic structure, he invented "SCOTCH" Brand cellulose tape in 1930. Even though it was introduced at the start of the Great Depression it was a huge success and provided the financial success that helped Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing to become 3M, an international powerhouse.

Several different historic groups, including a state organization and the city's Heritage Preservation Commission have recommended that Building 1 be preserved as a historic site and be part of an industrial historic district.

Even the 106 Group, hired by the Port Authority, recommended the 3M Main Plant campus be considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because

of its "national significance in the areas of commerce, industry, and invention for its association with the rise of 3M into a national and international leader in the development, manufacture, marketing, and distribution of goods that have had significant and lasting impacts on the development of the U.S." during the years 1910 to 1958.

So why would the obviously historic Building 1 be shoved into some distant landfill? Well, you'd have to ask the St. Paul "Pull-Em-Down" Port Authority. They have some pat answers they have been giving all along. It fits into their usual scrape-and-build approach.

There is one 3M structure — the 1939 art deco administrative building — that is supposed to be saved and developed. And they are going to get surface parking that will cover the old Building 1 site.

I know this is not a pristine landscape that is being razed, but I can't help but think of the words of a Joni Mitchell song: "Don't it always seem to go/That you don't know what you've got till it's gone/They paved paradise/And put up a parking lot."

I, for one, will mourn the loss of Building 1.



Photo by Steve Trimble

Photo taken August 8 of 3M's Building 1, awaiting final demolition, which was completed in September.

People in your neighborhood

People make up the fabric of Dayton's Bluff. Who makes a difference to you? Email editor@daytonsbuff.org.

An interview with Dale Harbor, Indian Mounds Park resident

by Forum board member Steve Trimble, with Mona Roth

People living in the Mounds Park section of Dayton's Bluff are used to seeing Dale Harbor around the neighborhood. He tends the flowers and mows the grass on the small traffic triangle at Maria and McLean. Others watch him walking to Indian Mounds Park with his wheel barrel on the way to do some volunteer weeding.

Dale has recently been slowed down by some health problems, but fortunately his Maria Avenue friend and neighbor Mona Roth has filled in and can now be seen mowing and taking care of things. She agreed to do an interview with Dale.



Photo by Steve Trimble

Many of us know you as the Maria-McLean triangle park gardener. How long have you maintained this garden?

I have maintained the triangle garden for approximately 13 years. In 1996, Beverly Singwald, a Master Gardener from Mounds Street, originally laid out the flower beds, planted most of the perennials and maintained it for approximately 2 years. She no longer wanted to maintain the garden, so I took it over. It needed to be done and I enjoy gardening. It was mostly weeds when I started, but by pulling a lot of weeds and fertilization, we now have nice grass. Yearly I have been planting annuals for color. I also mow the grass in the summer and shovel the sidewalk in the winter.

I enjoy gardening and having the triangle look nice. Also, I really enjoy all the neighbors stopping by to visit while I'm gardening. Two years ago I received a "Bronze Blooming St. Paul Award" for residential areas from the city of St. Paul.

How long have you lived in Mounds Park Neighborhood?

My wife Jan and I have lived here 45 years and the houses look the same as they did 45 years ago. Families have changed, but the neighborhood has remained the same. The difference in the last 45 years is that the city has added a walkway next to the bluff. In 1996 they put a storm sewer in, which sad to say, they had to take out all the granite curbs. Only Maria continues to have these curbs as part of its character. In addition, with the new sewer they added more street lights and more drains.

Tell us about your experience living and raising a family here.

We raised two children, a son and daughter in this neighborhood. It is a good neighborhood in which to raise children. There has always been a good mix of younger and older people for the children to associate with. People that move into this area tend to stay for a number of years and quite often children purchase their parent's or grandparent's homes.

What do you like most about the Mounds Park Neighborhood?

I enjoy the peacefulness and quiet of the area, as well as the great neighbors. We have a safe neighborhood with very few police calls. The neighborhood is like a little secluded area, it's like a jewel within the city. Not too many people are even aware of this neighborhood. The sidewalks and pathways in the park make it a great neighborhood in which to go for a walk. Within Mounds Park, the view from the bluff shows four modes of transportation: railways (trains), roads (cars, buses, trucks), river (boats and steamboats), and airport (variety of planes and National Guard Helicopters). The beautiful view from the bluff has always been a photographer's dream place to take pictures. There is quite a bit of wildlife in the area, including an eagles' nest.

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Letter to the editor

It wasn't a win for Dayton's Bluff

I couldn't believe what I read in a recent issue of the *Pioneer Press*. It was a short article on a 2011 building swap that the paper referred to as a "win, win, win, win." Unfortunately there was a big "lose, lose, lose, lose" for Dayton's Bluff and other East Side neighborhoods.

The Minnesota Recreation and Parks Association honored a "building swap" in which the East Side Community Center was given to the public schools which traded for the old Franklin Elementary School.

So what's the problem? There is now no East Side Community Center! Years ago the Dayton's Bluff Community Council was pushing for a community center. Other neighborhoods had them: West 7th, Summit/University, and Merriam Park, to name a few.

But an official at the Merrick Center said we were too close to them and he would fight against any funding unless it was a shared East Side Community Center. It ended up being attached to Harding High School. It wasn't really a good location – no easy access to buses – but it was better than nothing.

And, as with so many other things on the East Side, it is gone. I don't remember any local elected officials who spoke up against this giveaway. Shouldn't someone tell us why this happened and what can be done about it?

Will we ever get a replacement community center? Yes, budgets are tight, but the city can find money for new dog parks and a million dollars for a new Frogtown park and, of all things, an urban farm. The East Side deserves better than this. Don't you think so? Will anyone do something for a change?

G. B. LeRoy, St. Paul

Goodbye to Size Matters



Photo by Steve Trimble

Owner Mee Thao, saying goodbye in front of her store Size Matters at 781 East 5th Street. She has sold the building due to health matters; September 5 was the last day.

Dayton's Bluff memories

Last month we asked readers to write about any memories that were re-kindled by any of the local matchbooks. One who responded was Joan Russell Stoffel, who sent in the following interesting reminiscences:

Reading the article on matchbooks in the September issue really took me down memory lane. I bowled for the first time at Suerth and Marchal in the late 1940s. My mother was on a league there, bowling for the Kemper Bar on Earl Street between Hudson and Wakefield.

In the late 1970s I bowled for the Viaduct and at Arlington Rec. on Minnehaha and Payne Avenue. I also met the love of my life at the Viaduct. We were together 22 years until he passed away in 1998.

I have so many good memories of the Bluff. I lived on Euclid, Maple, Maria, Cherry and Pacific Streets. Went to Mounds Park School when Miss Dora Eng was the principal. I also went to St. John's Catholic School and graduated in 1952. We roller-skated, danced and bowled at Sacred Heart. I was a Girl Scout under Mrs. Arthur Borth at Mounds Park School.

My first job was at Mounds Park Hospital. By the way, my phone number back then was Tower 5695 and, of course, we had a party line. It included two elderly ladies who loved to talk and listen in. But to give them their due, we were kids on our end, so I guess it was a horse apiece.

I climbed the cliffs at the end of Cherry Street. There were three houses on the west side of Mounds Boulevard. The Puffer family lived in the last house on Cherry Street. 'Til the cliffs started to give way. We would climb the cliffs, go across the railroad tracks to the Mississippi River—the dumb things we did as kids!

I waited for many street cars outside of Brozek's Market on the corner of Hudson Road and Cypress – there was no freeway back then. I bought my first pack of bubble gum at Brozek's. You could not buy bubble gum during World War II, so when the war was over we couldn't wait to buy it.

A lot of other good times were at the Tuxedo, another name for the Bluff playgrounds. There was ice skating and carnivals. Yes, those were the days; so many good memories.

The Forum is always interested in publishing "growing up in Dayton's Bluff" stories, long or short. Please send in your own memories!