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Community Celebrations Abound!



Night Out on East 7th Street in pictures

Photos from the *Make It Happen* Initiative's Night Out on East 7th Street. Clockwise, from top left: Huge crowds await the prize drawing at the first annual Dayton's Bluff Business Fair. Over 40 prizes were given away, including \$100 and a Kindle Fire. (Photo by Connie Abbott)

Above right: The event drew many families, and a good time was had by all. (Photo by Connie Abbott)

At right: A scene from the corner of Maple and East 7th Street during the event. (Photo by Brad Griffith)



Photo by Connie Abbott

Volunteers at Night Out On East 7th Street set the stage for fun and safety.

First Annual Dayton's Bluff Business Fair Night Out on East 7th Street is a Success!

On August 17, the businesses on East 7th Street welcomed a crowd of over 1,000 people celebrating enterprise and economic opportunity in Dayton's Bluff. The Night Out on East 7th Street gave people who live in the area an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the many businesses that provide a richness of goods and services in our community. Many business treasures were found on East 7th Street.

The event was part of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council's *Make it Happen on East 7th Street Initiative*, a strategic effort to revitalize East 7th Street between Maria and Forest.



Photo by Connie Abbott

National Night Out in Dayton's Bluff

Over 18 gatherings of local residents to share food and good conversation took place on August 7 for the annual neighbors' night out. In the city of St. Paul, NNO has been an annual event on the first Tuesday of every August for the past 28 years. It is citywide celebration that helps to build stronger, healthier, neighborhoods with the quality of life that everyone desires and deserves. The neighbors we meet help to build stronger neighborhoods throughout the year.

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Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, September 6, 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@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075 before the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

Small business classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program is taking applications for the **fall 2012** class, which starts in **September**. The program helps start-up and young businesses; all East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center have been hosting two such classes each year since 1993.

Classroom training lasts 10 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, how to create a successful business and how to prepare a business plan. In addition, each student will have eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on individual business concepts. Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support.

The registration fee is based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited, so don't wait to apply. For an application, email karin@daytonsbluff.org or call her at 651-772-2075.

Dayton's Bluff Cleanup and Free Stuff

The annual Dayton's Bluff Cleanup and Free Stuff Area will be **Saturday, September 8, from 9:00 am–12:00 noon** at Ray Anderson & Sons, 933 Atlantic at Phalen Corridor. See the ad on page 5 for guidelines and more information.

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.**

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@daytonsbluff.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, September 12 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, September 19, at 6:30 pm, and Friday, September 21, at 9:30 am**. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Take-a-Hike September 1

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, September 1**. 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.

Roller derby season opens

The Minnesota RollerGirls' roller derby season opens **Saturday, September 8, at 7:00 pm** at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in downtown St. Paul.

Roller derby has evolved into a legitimate sport with strong female athletes while keeping a spirit of fun.

Come for a full evening of entertainment, including two full roller derby bouts and a halftime band. Three skaters have Dayton's Bluff connections: look for "Myrna Ploy," "Salvador Brawlie," and "Fannie Tanner." Come see them in action! Tickets start at \$13 and kids 9 and under get in free. More info at www.mnrollergirls.com.

Watch the glow of the setting sun, then enjoy a cookout

by Karin DuPaul
Community Organizer
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Come and join the delight of hearing stories and songs from former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's Brewery employees at the annual "Watch the Glow of the Setting Sun on the Red Brick Brewery" event hosted by Friends of Swede Hollow (FOSH).

The event will start at **6:30 pm on September 29** and everyone is welcome to attend. Meet at the Henge in Swede Hollow Park near the Drewry Lane and Beaumont entrance to watch the setting sun.

Witness the sunset firsthand, and see the bright glow of the brewery building. After the sun sets, the evening cookout and socializing begins. Former Swede Hollow residents and Hamm's employees share memories of the good old days of living in the Hollow and working at the brewery. In past years, Joe Sanchelli and his daughter Nancy have entertained everyone with Italian songs and stories about life in the Hollow.

FOSH is a nonprofit organization that works on Swede Hollow issues, plantings, cleanups, education, history tours, and events. For more information, please send an email to karin@daytonsbluff.org or call 651-776-0550.

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

- **Teen and Youth open gym**
Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays:
Ages 13 & under, 6:00-7:00 pm
Ages 14-18, 7:00-8:00 pm
- **Boys' Group**, ages 11-17, every Tuesday
- **Girls' Group**, ages 12-17, every Thursday
- **Free Zumba class** on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center dance room.
- **Basketball Skills** for ages 6-14, every Thursday from 6:00-7:30 pm for nine weeks, starting September 20.
- **FREE ARTS**
Beginning September 27, every Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00 pm. Availability is limited.
- **Rec Check**
Beginning the second week of September



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**The Dayton's Bluff
Rec Center is located
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Upcoming events at Hazel Park Church of Christ

RALLY SUNDAY EVENT AT HPCUCC SEPTEMBER 9

Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ is celebrating the return of fall and the back-to-school season by hosting Rally Sunday on **September 9** with a special service at **10:00 am** in the sanctuary, 1821 East Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul. A free-will donation meal follows the service. All are invited.

BAUMAN FINE ARTS MUSIC SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16

The Bauman Fine Arts Series for 2012-13 at Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ begins with a concert Sunday, **September 16 at 4:00 pm** with Scotty Horey on marimba and Preston Duncan on saxophone.

Horey recently finished his doctorate in musical arts from the University of Minnesota. As a freelance percussionist and musician, he has worked with many organizations including the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Chorale, and many solo artists.

Preston Duncan is a performer and teacher in the Twin Cities. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 1996 for study in France, and is currently pursuing a doctorate of musical arts from the University of Minnesota. Duncan regularly performs as orchestral member with the Minnesota Orchestra and has appeared as soloist with composer Marvin Hamlisch.

The concert is free to the public. A free-will offering will be collected.

The Bauman Fine Arts Series was established in 1989 by HPCUCC long-time member and East side resident Charlie Russell in honor of Quentin and Helen for their 50+ years of service to Hazel Park Church. The series is dedicated to bringing diverse fine arts experiences to the church community and the surrounding neighborhood.

BLESSINGS OF THE ANIMAL SERVICE GIVES PRAISE

The human-animal bond is a special one. On **Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 pm** the Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ, 1831 East Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, will host a Blessing of the Animals Service.

All are invited to bring their pets or a picture of their pets. Weather permitting, a gathering will be held on the church's front lawn to thank God for blessing people with the joy of the companionship of pets, past and present.

REDUCED-PRICE GROCERIES AVAILABLE

Hazel Park Congregational United Church of Christ is a distribution partner for Fare For All Express, a cooperative food-buying program that offers fresh produce and quality meats at a savings of up to 40 percent off retail prices.

The cooperative buying program is open to everyone, with no qualifying requirements or pre-registration. Fare For All groceries are available for purchase on select Wednesdays each month from **4:00 to 6:00 pm** at the church, located at 1831 East Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul.

Upcoming drop-in distribution events are **September 5, October 3, October 31, and November 28**. The Regular Pack is \$20 and contains three or four frozen meat items such as turkey, beef, chicken, or fish plus potatoes, onions, carrots, two varieties of fresh fruits, and two additional varieties of fresh vegetables. Distribution events surrounding holidays may include packs with ham, turkey and/or pie and other holiday foods.

Cash, credit cards, EBT cards or debit cards accepted; checks not accepted. Visit www.fareforall.org for other Twin Cities locations.

For more information on any of these events, contact the HPCUCC at 651-735-2555, email hazelparkchurch@q.com or visit www.hazelparkcongregationaluc-c.org. The church is located at 1831 East Minnehaha Avenue in St. Paul.

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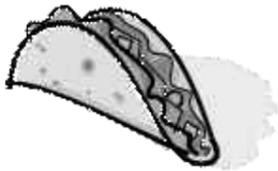
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Italian Opera in Swede Hollow

Come to an Italian opera in Swede Hollow on **September 22 at 4:00 pm**. Enter Swede Hollow Park at the Drewry Tunnel at Beaumont and Drewry Lane, one block south of Payne and Minnehaha next to HOPE Community Academy. Mixed Precipitation presents *Idomeneo, re di Creta* (King of Crete) in the beautiful valley along Phalen Creek that was once home to hundreds of immigrant Italian families.

Mixed Precipitation's adaptation, *The Return of King Idomeneo*, directed by Scotty Reynolds, brings the myth to life

on the urban streets of mid-century America. Hometown heroes of Crete are returning, victorious, from the long and bloody Trojan War. Idomeneo barely recognizes the town that be left. Mozart's epic music comes to a 1950s street corner with a unique mash-up of passionate arias, exciting chorus, '50s doo-wop and '60s girl groups. This magical story is family-friendly and full of adventure. Chef Nick Schneider's five course sampling menu of locally-grown treats is created especially for the performance.

To reserve your seats, call 612-619-2112. Audience is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

This September at the Historic Mounds Theatre

by Raeann Ruth, Executive Director

1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106

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"Spirits of St. Paul"

The Historic Mounds Theatre is proud to be exclusively showing the award winning film "Spirits of St. Paul" at our theater for four showings only, **Saturday, September 1 and Sunday, September 2 at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm** each day. Meet the producer and director, Gary Crask, who will be doing a Q & A following each show, and don't be surprised if some of the actors are in the audience.

This locally-shot film is a dramatic presentation about the Gangster Era in St. Paul in the 1920s and '30s. It just won the Best Period Piece at the Manhattan Film Festival and the Orson Welles Award at the Iowa Independent Film Festival. It was also the feature guest film used to kick off the Rochester branch of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Film Festival.

It features some of the biggest-name

gangsters of that time, including John Dillinger, local mob bosses "Dapper" Dan Hogan and Harry Sawyer, and the Baker-Karpis gang with "Ma" Barker and her two boys, Doc and Fred. They all came to St. Paul because the local police would protect them in exchange for their agreement not to commit any crimes inside the city limits of St. Paul.

Come and be entertained by this "audience favorite" film and learn why, if you were a gangster in those days, St. Paul was the place to be. Alvin "Creepy" Karpis once famously said, "If you were looking for a guy who hadn't been seen for a few months, you usually thought of two places: prison or St. Paul."

Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door or through our website at www.moundstheatre.org

"Big House" wines will be featured at the bar. This film contains adult language and would be rated "R".

"Guards! Guards!"

A Terry Pratchett Production

Here there be dragons . . . and the denizens of Ankh-Morpork wish one huge fire breather would return from whence it came. Long believed extinct, a superb specimen of *Draco Nobilis* ('noble dragon' for those who don't understand italics) has appeared in Discworld's greatest city. Not only does this unwelcome visitor have a nasty habit of charbroiling everything in its path, in rather short order it is crowned King (it is a noble dragon, after all).

Meanwhile, back at Unseen University, an ancient and long-forgotten

volume – The Summoning of Dragons – is missing from the Library's shelves.

To the rescue comes Captain Vimes, Constable Carrot, and the rest of the Night Watch who, along with other brave citizens, risk everything, including a good roasting, to dethrone the flying monarch and restore order to Ankh-Morpork (before it's burned to a crisp).

A rare tale, well done as only Terry Pratchett can. This will be the third Terry Pratchett production at the Mounds Theatre. "Guards! Guards!" will run **September 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 at 7:30 pm and September 9, 16, 23 at 2:00 pm**. Tickets on sale now at www.moundstheatre.org.

Artability Art Show

The 18th annual Artability Art Show and Sale comes to the Historic Mounds Theatre at the end of September.

The People Incorporated Artability program involves a summer-long series of art and writing workshops, culminating in a three-day show in the fall to celebrate the creativity of people with mental illness and the contributions they make to society.

In 2011, more than 400 people attended our 17th annual art show, which featured the paintings, sculptures, and other creations of more than 100 artists. Artists sell their work at the show and receive 90% of the profits, with the remaining 10% going back to support the Artability program. Writers

also contribute their creative work to an anthology available for sale at the show. The Artability program is open to any adult (18+) with mental illness.

The Artability program is sponsored in part by the Boss Foundation, the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC), Tapemark, and the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The opening reception will be **Thursday, September 27, at 6:00 pm**.

The show is open for viewing on **Thursday, September 27, from 6:00-9:00 pm; Friday, September 28, 2:00-8:00 pm, and Saturday, September 29, 11:00 am-3:00 pm**.

For more information, call 651.227.6321 x42.

American Indian Family Center wins \$50,000 remodel from Maxwell House

by Mark Gallagher, Forum intern

On August 7, the American Indian Family Center, located at 579 Wells Street in Dayton's Bluff, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate winning \$50,000 in renovations from Drops of Good: the Maxwell House Community Project competition. The event featured Mayor Chris Coleman, Congresswoman Betty McCollum, and Maxwell House emcee Cory Provine. The ribbon was cut by Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame pitcher, Brad Radke.

How does a world-class right-hander get involved with the American Indian Family Center? "Maxwell House [has] been filling me in on what they have been doing with Drops of Good, not only here but all over the country," Radke said. "It was great pitching here for 12 years, and it's a great opportunity for me to come back and give back [to] the community."

The American Indian Family Center, located at 579 Wells Street, has become a haven for Native Americans living in the Dayton's Bluff community. Janice LaFloe is the Development and Marketing Director. "Sixteen years ago, the St. Paul Ramsey County Children's Initiative began the first step to have neighborhood family centers become one-stop-shop places for families," she said.

Back in 1996, St. Paul was looking to build eight family centers. Janice says, "The American Indian community stepped forward and said, 'We would like to build a [nonprofit] family center, but we want it to be culturally specific and only serve the Indian community.'"

The American Indian Family Center was nominated by Rebuilding Together-Twin Cities, which partners with Maxwell House to give the award. The Dayton's Bluff location was one of three winning community centers. Of the 10 nominated centers, Janice said, "We were the only Indian and only Minnesota agency competing. It's pretty cool; we certainly appreciate... [the] opportunity."

What does winning the grant mean for the center? The Indian community has been working to understand its needs and challenges. The biggest challenge involves health, especially diabetes and childhood obesity.

With all these concerns, the American Indian Family Center plans to use most of its \$50,000 grant to bust out a wall, rebuild their lunchroom space, and renovate their existing kitchen into a training kitchen. "One of the first things in addressing diabetes is a lot about understanding healthy foods, learning how to cook nutritiously, and making some of those changes in behaviors around how our families choose to eat," Janice said. "The teaching kitchen will allow us to demonstrate that. They will install a cooking station with a much larger refrigerator.

We are going to put in at least one stove. Rebuilding Together, are the rehab experts. They'll take a look at this space and decide [what] it needs."

Renovation of the kitchen and a bathroom were started a few weeks earlier by professional contractors, and they are about 80 percent complete. On the morning of August 7, 70 volunteers from Maxwell House and about 15 volunteers from Rebuilding Together were painting and stenciling the outside of the building, planting shrubs, landscaping, and other tasks to make the building look its best.

"We have a partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension Services," Janice said. "They have a 'Simply Good Eating' project where they come out and teach a lot of food nutrition along with their food expertise."

Students who use the training kitchen will learn how to cook Native American as well as American style. The Science Museum of Minnesota initiated a project about how to grow the "Three Sisters Garden," involving one group of typical traditional foods: beans, squash, and corn. "There are naturally growing foods that we want to just help families connect with, so they will understand how important it once was in our diet as Native American people," Janice said.

Part of the grant will also be used to create a handicapped-accessible bathroom upstairs at the center.

Brad Radke was impressed with the efforts. He added, "I would like to thank Maxwell House and Rebuilding Together. It has just been a great experience for me—seeing, firsthand, people out working hard for the project. It's definitely a great organization to be involved with. "It brings a lot of hope to the people, and that's what this country needs—everybody working hand in hand and helping each other out."

"The American Indian Family Center's mission is to provide American Indian families with programs and services enriched by traditional American Indian values and culture," Janice said. "The family center is a place where American Indians thrive."

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Photos by Mark Gallagher

Above: Former Twins pitcher Brad Radke was on hand for the August 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the American Indian Family Center winning \$50,000 from Maxwell House's Drops of Good program. At right: Radke pitches in with some hard work.



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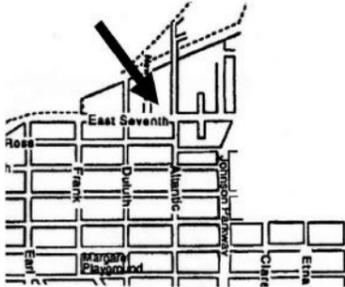
Saturday, September 8, 2012

9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Ray Anderson & Sons

North of East 7th Street at Atlantic and Phalen Corridor
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This cleanup is for Dayton's Bluff residents only.



COSTS

Entrance: \$7 per car, \$10 per small truck or mini van, \$25 per pickup truck and trailers. **No dump trucks.**
Extra Fees: \$10 per mattress, box spring, couch or love seat. \$10 child car seats each
\$3 per car tire; \$5 per truck tire
Electronics: \$10 to \$25 depending on the item.

You may also bring: fluorescent bulbs, scrap metal, bicycles, demolition debris, clean wood, concrete/rocks. All guidelines will be strictly adhered to and we reserve the right to turn away any person or vehicle. The Dayton's Bluff Community Council reserves the right to refuse any item or close the site early if costs exceed budget.

WHAT TO BRING

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

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

On the bottom of the load: concrete, bricks, rocks, and construction debris.

In the middle of the load: bikes and scrap metals, mattresses/box springs, broken furniture and other trash

On the top of the load: reusable household items, electronics (TVs, VCRs, computers, etc.), tires

DO NOT bring appliances to the cleanup. Instead, call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 before Thursday, September 6, to arrange to have your appliances picked up at your curb on Monday, September 10. Cost is \$25/1st appliance, \$10/each additional appliance (there is a \$10 surcharge for each air conditioner and water softener). JR's Appliance accepts air conditioners, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, garbage disposals, heat pumps, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, washers, water softeners and water heaters.

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Not all materials are accepted at the cleanup. For more information about how to recycle or dispose of these or other items, call 651-222-SORT (7678). TTY for the hearing impaired: 651-221-9832.

No railroad ties or chemically-treated wood.

No appliances: Call JR's Appliance at 651-454-9215 for curbside pickup.

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

No paint, pesticides, motor oil or other hazardous wastes: Free disposal at Ramsey County household hazardous waste drop-off site: Bay West, 5 Empire Drive, St. Paul, open Wednesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am-4:00 pm (April-October) and Saturday 9:00-4:00 pm only (November-March)

No leaves, grass or brush: Free disposal at Ramsey County compost site: Frank Street and Sims Avenue, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11:00 am-7:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

No curbside recycling materials: Dayton's Bluff District 4 curbside recycling is picked up every Tuesday. Have your recycling at the curb by 7:00 am.

Good free stuff at the cleanup

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



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

Sponsors and Rules

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

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

St. John's is NOT closed

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

Contrary to what you may have heard, St. John's Catholic Church at 5th and Forest Streets is not closed. It is still open here in Dayton's Bluff, just as it has been for the past 125 years.

The confusion is understandable. The announcement was made in October 2010 that St. John's would be merging with St. Pascal's. Many mergers in the archdiocese did occur fairly soon after their announcement, but this one isn't scheduled to take effect until July 1, 2013, unless the parish runs out of money before then. To make matters even more confusing, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* erroneously reported earlier this year that St. John's would be closing in July of this year.

St. John's has exhausted all earthly avenues to appeal its closing, so its members are now appealing to a higher Authority through prayer. But it is also true that God helps those who help themselves, so the parish is also working to improve its financial situation.

Some of the efforts are fairly mundane, such as asking parishioners to increase their weekly donations, contacting inactive and past church members who haven't donated in awhile, and continuing the effort to rent the school building. Another suggestion was to increase awareness that St. John's is still an active parish, thus this article and accompanying ad. And there will also be fundraisers.

Parishioner Gary Stucci kicked things off by holding his own one-man fundraiser. He took it upon himself to make a 37-mile "Walk for St. John's" during the horribly hot and humid weather of this past July. Fortunately, he survived his trek and raised over \$3,000 for St. John's.

There will be a rummage sale held in the church hall **September 27-29**. On Sunday, **October 7**, church members belonging to the VFW will sponsor a pancake breakfast with silent auction. All events are open to the public.

An all-school reunion/fundraiser is being planned for next spring. Alumni should contact St. John's for more information. Don't want to wait? St. John's will gladly accept donations at any time.

St. John's Catholic Church Has Been Serving Dayton's Bluff for 125 years



Father George Welzbacher
Pastor

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Hoping the weather isn't an omen



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St. Paul mayor Chris Coleman and Councilperson Kathy Lantry and several citizens brave some gloomy skies to hold a budget meeting at the Swede Hollow Café on August 4.

Gateway Corridor Transit continues to make progress

from a release by the Gateway
Corridor Commission

The Gateway Corridor transit project continues to examine which transit options and station locations will increase ridership in the corridor, reduce the impact on existing properties and reduce overall project costs.

In April, St. Paul residents and business leaders learned the ranking of all seven transit options, including ridership and cost estimates for the potential bus-rapid transit (BRT) and light rail transit (LRT) options through St. Paul. Refinements to the ridership and cost estimates, and transit station locations will be announced when the study is completed.

Traffic congestion in the east metro is a significant challenge that is not going to disappear. Population along the Gate-

way Corridor is now 300,000. That population is expected to grow 30 percent in the next 20 years. From 2010 to 2011, St. Paul's population grew .4 percent which was the second highest percentage growth in the metro area. The existing lanes on I-94 will not accommodate future population growth in the east metro and the Gateway Corridor will help relieve these challenges. The Gateway Corridor will improve mobility, provide a cost-effective, economically viable transit option, support economic development in the region, protect the natural environment, as well as preserve and enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses in St. Paul.

After the proposed options are narrowed down, the next step is to assess the environmental impact of each option. For more information on the Gateway Corridor, visit www.thegatewaycorridor.com or the Gateway Corridor Facebook page.

CLUES: sembrando esperanza para los inmigrantes

por Kelly Lundeen del Comité de Artes y Culturas de Dayton's Bluff

Es bien interesante como las personas vienen aquí y tienen esta esperanza, estas ganas de hacer cosas y ya tienen sus grandes planes. "Yo quiero ser voluntaria en el hospital. Después voy a estudiar para ser asistente de enfermera, y luego voy a estudiar para ser enfermera."

Tienen toda su vida planeada, a pesar de que tienen hijos y que son nuevos inmigrantes en este país y en Minnesota. Sin embargo el sentido de que "sí se puede, de que yo puedo hacer esto," está allí.

- Teresa Ortiz, CLUES, Capacitadora principal St. Paul, Departamento de Educación

Esto fue una de las historias esperanzadoras que me contó Teresa Ortiz el día que entré por las puertas abiertas de CLUES en el edificio que comparte con el Consulado Mexicano en la East 7th Street. CLUES, Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, es una organización dedicada a mejorar la calidad de vida de la comunidad inmigrante en Minnesota. Proveen servicios en inglés y español de salud mental, salud química, progreso económico, que incluye finanzas y educación, programas para personas mayores de edad, y servicios comunitarios para la familia. Adicionalmente, la Red de abogados voluntarios presta servicios gratis sobre varios asuntos legales en la oficina. CLUES se asegura de proveer servicios accesibles a todos sus clientes. Tienen un enfoque integral a los clientes que enfatiza la

familia entera y que ayuda a los clientes con todos los servicios que puedan necesitar.

Las clases y los servicios que ofrecen han surgido para apoyar a inmigrantes en las cosas que más se necesitan. Le pregunté a Teresa cómo ha sido la relación de CLUES con el barrio de Dayton's Bluff. En 2005, cuando CLUES abrió su oficina en este barrio, servía principalmente a la comunidad latina que ya existía aquí. De hecho, entre los primeros inmigrantes a Swede Hollow en los 1800, ¡había mexicanos! En los últimos años CLUES ha cambiado a medida que el vecindario ha ido cambiando. Ya que han llegado inmigrantes africanos y asiáticos a Dayton's Bluff, CLUES ha logrado proveer servicios a inmigrantes vengan de donde vengan, no importando el país de origen. "La mayoría de nuestros clientes vienen de este barrio... El barrio mismo imprimió lo que es el barrio a CLUES. No nada más CLUES al barrio, sino el barrio a CLUES."

Este vecindario cuenta con una organización que trabaja por la comunidad de inmigrantes para ayudarles a adelantar sus sueños. ¡Aprovechen el tesoro que tenemos aquí! Hay una nueva sesión de clases gratuitas de inglés que comenzará el 17 de septiembre. Pueden ir directamente a la oficina en 797 East 7th Street e inscribirse los jueves a las 12:30 o a las 6:00 pm. Para información sobre las clases o cualquier otro servicio, llamen al 651-379-4200, lleguen a la oficina, o vean <http://es.clues.org/home.aspx>.

CLUES: Sowing hope for immigrants in Dayton's Bluff

by Kelly Lundeen, Dayton's Bluff Arts and Cultures Committee

It's so interesting how people come here and they carry this hope, this desire to do things, and they've already worked out this grand plan. "I want to be a volunteer in a hospital. After that, I am going to study to be a nurse's assistant, and then I am going to study to be a nurse."

They have their entire life planned; despite having children and that they are new immigrants to this country and to Minnesota. And yet this attitude of "Yes I can. I can do this," is there.

-Teresa Ortiz, CLUES, Lead Trainer, Educational Enrichment Services, Economic Advancement Division

This was one of the inspiring stories Teresa Ortiz related to me the day I visited CLUES in the building it shares with the Mexican Consulate on East 7th Street. CLUES, Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio, is an organization committed to improving the quality of life of the immigrant community in Minnesota. The services available include mental health, chemical health, aging well, family services, community health worker and economic advancement, which includes finance and English classes. The Volunteer Lawyers Network also offers free legal services through their office. CLUES tries to make sure all services are accessible to all people, regardless of income. They have a holistic focus that is family-centric and finds resources for any

services that clients may need.

Since the organization began 31 years ago, CLUES has sought out the greatest needs of the immigrant community, and provided services based on those needs. I asked Teresa what the relationship CLUES has had to the neighborhood of Dayton's Bluff. In late 2005, when CLUES opened its offices here, there were already Latinos in the area. In fact, among the first European immigrants that arrived in Swede Hollow in the late 1800s, there were Mexicans! But since CLUES arrived here, the neighborhood has changed, and CLUES has changed with it. More immigrants from Africa and Asia have come to the area, and CLUES has provided services to anyone coming through its doors, no matter where they come from. "The majority of our clients come from this neighborhood... The neighborhood itself has left a mark on CLUES. Not just CLUES on the neighborhood, but also the neighborhood on CLUES."

We are so lucky to have such an organization here welcoming new immigrants and helping them make their dreams reality. Take advantage of this nearby treasure. A new session of free English as a Second Language classes will begin on September 17. You can go directly to the office at 797 East 7th Street and register on Thursdays at 12:30 pm or at 6:00 pm. For more information about any of their services stop in to their office, call (651)379-4200, or see www.clues.org.



Photo by Sarah Clark

Survey finds strong support for redeveloping Vento sanctuary building

by Sarah Clark
Lower Phalen Creek Project

The brick warehouse building next to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary is a familiar site in the community, highly visible from the Kellogg Bridge, Mounds Blvd and I-94. Vacant for many years, the building was purchased by Saint Paul Parks and Recreation in late 2008 and work to remove soil contamination in the area wrapped up in 2011.

A local nonprofit group, Lower Phalen Creek Project, has long advocated for an interpretive center here, and recent planning with St. Paul Parks and Recreation and other partners confirmed initial support for renovating the warehouse for an interpretive center as well as other uses that complement the park.

The planning team launched an online survey this summer to gather broader feedback and more than 225 local residents, employees and visitors weighed in.

The result? Over 75% of respondents selected renovating the building as their preferred option for the area. (Other choices in the survey included tearing down the building, building a new interpretive center or adding phased improvements.) The renovation would provide more "eyes on the park," people said, and create a place to celebrate the unique environmental and cultural resources here.

"Don't tear down the old building" was a plea expressed by many taking

the survey, including one person who added, "as the Dayton's Bluff community promotes preservation of historic houses, so should the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary."

Lower Phalen Creek Project and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation are moving forward to identify sources of funding as well as potential partners and tenants. They are also working to organize events and activities to enliven the area, which was identified as a priority gathering place along the Mississippi River in the recent Great River Passage Master Plan.

Visit www.lowerphalencreek.org for updates and be sure to "like" the sanctuary on Facebook.

Celebrate the Sanctuary Saturday, September 29

The Trust for Public Land, which played a major role in securing the land for the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on Saturday, September 29 starting at 11:30 am at the Mounds Park Overlook. To RSVP contact Meg Shoemaker 651-999-5313, Meg Shoemaker, Meg.Shoemaker@tpl.org.

At 1:00 pm the festivities move down to the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary with guided tours as well as arts events sponsored by the Lower Phalen Creek Project, including river flag making with Kinship of Rivers and art and demonstrations by local "plein air" landscape painters.



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History corner

by Steve Trimble, Forum board member

Matchbooks and memories

A month or so ago, I paid a small amount on eBay to get around 50 old matchbooks. What convinced me to bid was the fact that there were seven from Dayton's Bluff businesses—in the “old days” they used to give them away as advertising. You don't see that any more, or do you?



We want you to send in memories you have of these places. Please. They don't have to be earth-shattering thoughts. This is the sort of thing that people do on Facebook pages. Let's have some short responses that could be printed in the next issue of the *Forum*.

One of the older matchbooks is probably from the Pabst store, which said it had been in business since 1886. The Victorian commercial building, although altered, still stands at 800 Margaret at the corner of East 7th Street. Bulletin points inside advertise “frozen foods, bakery & delicatessen, meats, fancy groceries, hotel meat supplies.” It has been closed down for some time, but maybe some reader went there as a child.

Another older-looking matchbook was from Suerth & Marchal Rec. at 1066 East 7th Street. Its telephone number was “Tower 9266”—before there were all numbers.

Spanky's Saloon also operated at 1066 East 7th Street in later years. Their matchbook carries a numeric phone number and leaves one to wonder what kind of music might be “better than live.” The sketch of Spanky (of Little Rascals movie fame) on their wall got them in legal trouble and had to be removed. Remember when it appeared as “Charlie's Bar” in the 1980s movie “That Was Then, This is Now”? Did you hang out there? The Earl and 7th Street structure is gone, along with Viaduct Inn, another casualty of the St. Paul Port Authority's “bring in the bulldozers” approach.

Then there is a matchbook from Brozek's Super Market at 999 Hudson Road. During the Great Depression, “good old John Brozek would let us charge groceries,” one man said in an interview.

Remember when there were banks in Dayton's Bluff? One of them was First Merchants State Bank at 7th and Minnehaha. Their matchbook reads “1st Group of Banks,” since the local company had been bought by a chain.

Another financial institution—now also gone—was Minnie-Mine Credit Union at 848 1/2 East 7th Street, which started “Serving Employees of Minn. Mining & Mfg Co.” in 1954. Inside it has a “sample loan schedule” showing the difference in total interest you would pay on a \$100 loan, depending how many months you took to pay them back.

The last matchbook description is the only one of the businesses that is still around, and it remains a favorite of many Dayton's Bluff residents. This one reads “Savoy Inn pizzas” with their still-current 421 East 7th Street address. Earl “Red” Schoenheider opened it in 1965. Now, there are other locations, but this one is the original.

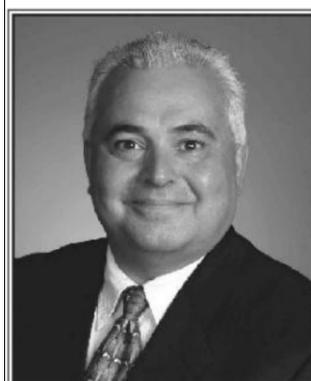
See what you can learn from some simple matchbooks? I bet some of them brought back memories. How many of these places have you been to? Did any of your relatives own them or work there? I know that not a lot of people write to the paper, but give it a try. It might be fun to share some East Side stories.

Thank you, St. Paul Garden Club!



Photo by Sarah Clark

Garden Club grants to the Lower Phalen Creek Project are greening the community with plantings in Swede Hollow, Eastside Heritage Park and the large raingarden at the Bruce Vento Regional Trailhead at Payne Avenue and East 7th Street. Volunteers, St. Paul Environmental Services and Community Design Center interns, including the young man pictured here, are assisting with planting.



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A view from my porch

by Sage Holben

Night's Presence

1:00 am: a four-door car driving up the hill on 4th Street, from Maria, across Bates and Maple; a full sized mattress, unfastened, on the roof of the car; a man lying face down, sprawled across the top.

11:30 pm: a two-door red sports car stops midway on Bates Avenue between 4th and 5th. Four men exit, the youngest takes a basketball from the trunk and proceeds to circle in the street, bouncing the ball. The others fumble through the trunk, taking something small, unidentifiable to me, out and the four walk to 300 Bates, entering through the north side door. Lights are on, evident only when the door is open. After about fifteen minutes, another man, huge around the waist, walks from 3rd Street to the red car and drives it away, making a U-turn and heading toward 3rd.

Around 12:30 am, first week of July: A man, a woman and a child, about seven, walk south on Bates, up 4th, the child

pulling a luggage cart. The sound of the wheels convey a lonely, empty, nowhere feeling. A few minutes later, the man returns without the woman and child.

Almost anytime in the evening: a car pulls up on Bates. Headlights blink, wait a few seconds, blink again. A car drives up, driver to driver. Hands go out, both cars drive away.

1:00 am: two men, loudly talking, riding bikes south on Bates. S___! says one man as he jumps off his bike. Broken chain? He drops the bike in the middle of the street and walks away. From the window, I say, please, at least move it off the street. He obliges. The next day, several people checked it out for possibilities and left it before I pulled it over near the trash bin.

Slam! Around 11:30 pm, the sound caught my attention. Curse words between a male and female. According to another neighbor who saw the in-

cident, a man shoved a woman against the little library and her head hit the roof.

2:00 am: two women walking down the middle of the street; I could hear their conversation and their names used. Having turned the corner, one curses. Now knowing her name, I call gently from the upper window, “D___, please watch your language.” As if God had spoken, she looked around and answered, “All right...Sorry!”

At 2:00 am, where would two women be going, walking with three very young children including a tiny baby?

After midnight, a neighbor discreetly (or so he thinks) places his scrapped carpeting into my trash bins.

A woman scurries like a rat into the drive, taking one of our recycling bins.

At 2:30 am, awakened by someone dragging scrap metal north on Bates.

Sleep, so often disturbed; wakeful times, so often perplexing.

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Block Nurse Program
by Carolyn Heim

The Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living at Home/Block Nurse Program helps elders with services including: advocacy and information on housing options, nutrition, transportation resources, in-home assistance (chores), and financial assistance programs, independent living, care coordination, and caregiver support.

Dayton's Bluff Seniors partners with many programs that assist seniors and other community members, including Parkway Gardens Wellness Center, the University of Minnesota at Wilson Hi-Rise Wellness Center, Project Awareness, Merrick Community Services, and the Love Grows Here Wellness Center.

If you need our services or know someone who does, or if you would like to volunteer or make a tax deductible donation, please visit our website: www.daytonsbuffseniors.org or call 651-776-7210 ext. 303. If you live outside of the Dayton's Bluff area, call the Living at Home Network at 651-649-0315 or 1-800-320-1707.

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

Photo courtesy of Lambert family

"Must've been a riveting article," comments Brea Lambert, wife of Jacob who is pictured here with their daughter, reading the August issue of the Forum.



Photo by Steve Trimble

Two sisters sell lemonade on Mounds Boulevard.

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First annual Dayton's Bluff Business Fair "Night Out on East 7th Street" prize winners

Over 40 prizes were given away at the Dayton's Bluff Business Fair on August 17 as part of the *Make It Happen on East 7th Street* Initiative. Special thanks to Tabitha De-Rango, pictured at left with the Kindle Fire Grand Prize winner, for organizing the event.

Photos by Connie Abbott

**Letter to the editor*****New look, and looking forward***

The new and improved look of the District Forum is great! I can't wait to hear more about the Art & Culture Committee's plans for a speaking event on the various peoples who have and do live in Dayton's Bluff. Exciting work!

Jodi M. Bantley, Metropolitan State University

Lundeen playing an active role

by Danny Evans, Forum intern

Dayton's Bluff is a community of neighbors, business owners, and others who inhabit this great place in East St. Paul. What makes this place so great? Well, just the word "history" says a lot about this neighborhood. It is also the dedication of the people who make this place so amazing. They desire to make Dayton's Bluff a better place to live and raise a family.

Some individuals who want to do this are members of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. One of them, Kelly Lundeen, is passionate about the community that she lives in. "I moved here two years ago, and my husband and I fell in love with a house that we saw," Lundeen said. "The house was built in 1885. We are doing a lot of work on the house. My husband and I wanted to live in East St. Paul and close to Phalen."

Kelly joined the DBCC because she wanted to get more involved in her community and to play an active role. "I am the Chair of the Equity Committee and also of the Arts and Culture Committee," she said. "I hope to make the work of the council more relevant to the people already living here." She wants it to be more applicable to the different racial and ethnic groups living here in Dayton's Bluff. "I want to respond to the needs of those who are going through economic difficulties. The Equity Committee has been working on making meetings more accessible to the public and more open to them."

"I would like neighbors to work together to meet our own needs and build trust among neighbors across economic lines and racial lines instead of blaming each other for the situation they are in." She also hopes for more interdependence among the people and neighbors who live in Dayton's Bluff. Kelly wants neighbors to communicate with each other when they have disputes, instead of automatically calling local officials. She'd also like to see more people walking, biking, and using public transportation.

While the people of Dayton's Bluff live and work here and want it to be a better place, some people go above and beyond the call of duty. The members of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, including Kelly Lundeen, have a dream for this neighborhood, and they want to see it come to fruition.