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"The Voice of the Community"

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## Igloo sighting at Forest and Beech



Photo submitted by Jeff Borden

The long, wet winter hasn't dampened the spirits of some Dayton's Bluff residents, who have made the most of our seemingly-nonstop snowfall by showcasing their creativity.

## Dine out for the Bluff



There is just a little time left to sign up for the Fourth Annual Dayton's Bluff Fundraising Dinner on Monday, April 8, at 6:00 pm. It will be an elegant five-course dinner at the Strip Club Meat and Fish restaurant. The restaurant can accommodate a maximum of 60 people, so don't wait to reserve your place. Advance ticket sales only. The cost is \$100 per person (\$40 tax deductible). Proceeds benefit Dayton's Bluff Community Council.

Send your payments to Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106, or call 651-772-2075 for more information.

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## Metropolitan State University plans major expansion

by Deanna Foster  
Executive Director, Dayton's  
Bluff Community Council

Once called "the university without walls," Metro State has become a major institution that anchors the gateway to the Dayton's Bluff community. Soon we will see major construction on both East 6th and East 7th Streets, and the neighborhood will have a new look. Three major buildings will be added to the campus in the next few years: the first is a parking structure, followed by a Science Education Building and Student Center. The quality of design, the size and the placement of these new buildings on and around our main commercial district will have lasting impact on Dayton's Bluff for decades to come.

Most of the parking problems will be alleviated by a parking structure to be built on the site of the current surface parking lot on the eastern end of the block between Maria and Bates Avenues. The University has secured revenue bond funding to pay for construction, and student and faculty parking assessments will support repayment of the bonds. This method ensures that students and faculty will use the ramp rather than neighborhood streets, because they will have prepaid for parking in the ramp. The north wall of the ramp will face 7th Street with the east end on Bates, across from the city-owned vacant land that will soon be developed with a mix of housing and commercial uses.

The Science Education Center, on 6th Street east of Mounds

Boulevard, adds a significant new asset that supports educational excellence and an increased student population on the main campus. A Student Center, the first at MSU, also reflects the increased importance of this campus to the growing number of students coming from all over the metropolitan area. The vast majority of MSU students are working adults with jobs and families. In fact, they look very much like the residents of this community: diverse, hard-working, and filled with aspirations for a better, more prosperous future.

The changes at MSU come at the same time other major opportunities are coming to fruition. Beacon Bluff, the old 3M site, has its first major tenant on East 7th Street; the East Side Clinic is under construction and will soon offer increased medical and dental services for the East Side.

Make it Happen on East 7th Street, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council economic development initiative, is stimulating business growth and improvement through the \$500,000 STAR funding for capital investment on 7th Street. More than 10 projects are planned with an estimated total capital investment of over \$1.2 million in 2013. All this energy and intentional focus on reclaiming the main street of Dayton's Bluff will bring economic vitality and social transformation. Let's work together, build together, grow together and celebrate the future we create together.

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**Below: Artist's rendition of the future Science Education Center at Metropolitan State University, on 6th Street east of Mounds Boulevard.**



Streetscape

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METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY | SCIENCE EDUCATION CENTER

## In search of seniors

Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living At Home/Block Nurse Program draws a circle of care around senior citizens in District 4 to ensure that they stay living safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible. We are looking for seniors to provide services to! If you or someone you know is 65 years or better and could use some assistance, please contact us. Our service coordinator is in the area and looking forward to helping to connect seniors with resources such as rides to the doctor or grocer, chore services, nursing/wellness visits, fall prevention, brown bag food delivery, respite care and more. To learn more, please call us at: 651-776-7210 ext. 303. Ample senior resources can be found online at [www.daytonsbuffseniors.org](http://www.daytonsbuffseniors.org). How can we help you this week?

## Friends of Swede Hollow

The next monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 pm**. Email [swedehollow@gmail.com](mailto:swedehollow@gmail.com) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

## Donate your junk car

Budget Towing of Minnesota will remove your junker at no charge. The vehicle owner receives a tax deduction; the Dayton's Bluff Community Council gets a donation. Call 651-772-2075 or email [karin@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbuff.org).

## Meet the police

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

## Community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff community meeting is **Thursday, April 4, from**

**6:30-8:00 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office, 798 E. 7<sup>th</sup> 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 going on in the Bluff.

Confidential complaints about specific properties can be made at 651-266-8989 or [dsicomplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:dsicomplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

## Take-a-Hike April 6

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, April 6**. Hikers meet at **10:30 am** in Indian 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. Enjoy lively conversation including stories about the history of the area. Return transportation is available, if required. All are welcome.

## Join STOMP: STewards Of Margaret Park

This group is open to anyone committed to taking an active role in ensuring that Margaret Park remains a safe and beautiful green space with recreational activities for everyone.

Visit us on Facebook for the latest updates and announcements, or to ask questions or share your thoughts. [www.facebook.com/stompmn](http://www.facebook.com/stompmn)

## 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, or during special training. Call about ongoing neighborhood problems; concerns about people in vacant buildings after 10:00 pm; police-related questions, and so on. **If you need police right away or see a crime in progress, call 911 or 651-291-1111.**

## The Forum needs YOU

The *District Forum* newspaper is a nonprofit operation that mails out a free valuable community resource to every address in Dayton's Bluff. Please contribute to the paper at [givemnrzoo.com](http://givemnrzoo.com) under "Hopewell Communications."

We are also now accepting sponsorships at various levels. Email editor [@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:@daytonsbuff.org) for details.

## Small business classes

Interested in participating in the Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Program? The next class will begin in September 2013. The program helps start-up and young businesses; all East Side entrepreneurs are welcome. Classroom training lasts eight 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 services. Class size is limited. For an application for the fall session, contact [karin@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbuff.org) or 651-772-2075.

## Annual parks clean-up

Each spring, approximately 1,000 community volunteers unite to remove tons of trash from St. Paul's parks, natural areas, recreation centers, and neighborhoods. This important event helps ensure the beauty, safety and environmental health of St. Paul.

Swede Hollow Park, Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary, and Indian Mounds Park, as well as the recreation centers, are looking for volunteers to help clean up. Or you can get some of your neighbors together and clean up your neighborhood, and the city will pick up the trash.

This year, Indian Mounds Park is one of four kickoff celebration sites across the city. Volunteers can stop there to pick up supplies, or go straight to their favorite park and start picking up litter.

Clean-up day is **April 13, 2013 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**. St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department is hosting an annual Citywide Clean-up event. Groups or individuals can sign up at [www.stpaul.gov/parks/environment](http://www.stpaul.gov/parks/environment) (registration is not required, but is preferred).

For more information email [karin@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbuff.org) or call 651-772-2075.

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

- **Our music production studio** is now available! Hours and times may vary.
- **Teen room** now open!
- **Parent & tot open gym play time:** Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 noon.
- **Open gym;** times may vary.
- **Free Zumba!** on Thursday evenings, 5:30-6:30 pm at Dayton's Bluff Rec Center dance room.
- **Girls group:** Thursdays 6:15-7:15 pm for ages 12-16.
- **Messy Fingers & Toes** (for parents and tots) 6-week session Friday mornings starting in April. \$38; registration opens soon.
- **Seniors card playing,** every Friday 12:00 noon-4:00 pm.
- **Dance studio available!** Fees and times may vary.
- **Adolescent pregnancy prevention group** (girls only) every Thursday 4:30-6:30 pm.



Photo by Steve Trimble

Local artist Diane May and neighborhood youths pose in front of a new mural they designed and painted together, at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center.

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

**Stop by and check us out!**

## Dayton's Bluff residences featured in Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour, April 27-28

by Karin DuPaul  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

The annual Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour and Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Home Tour will be held on **Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, April 28, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** During the home tour, residents in both Minneapolis and St. Paul open their homes to the public to showcase city living.

The Dayton's Bluff homes on the tour include 758 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 231 Maria

Avenue, 983 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 980 Euclid Street, 1215 Conway, 732 Margaret Street, and 282 Maple Street. Some of these homes are also highlighted on the Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour.

Dayton's Bluff has so many wonderful homes that each year we have six to eight homes on the combined tours. The tour shows off many of Dayton's Bluff great features: the location, Metro State, the parks, the growing business community, the views of the city and the Mississippi River, and the outstanding housing options in Dayton's Bluff. Both

tours are hosted by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. Minneapolis/St. Paul tour brochures can be picked up at the Dayton's Bluff Library on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street in mid-April. Dayton's Bluff tour brochures can be picked up at any of the homes listed above during the hours of the tour.

Many people come here year after year to see what's up in Dayton's Bluff. Some of the visitors like it so well that they have made Dayton's Bluff their home.

Volunteers are needed for the Dayton's

Bluff home tour. Tasks include greeting people at the door, giving out brochures and information about Dayton's Bluff, and helping the homeowners for a few hours either day. This is a chance to help market Dayton's Bluff to visitors.

If you are interested in helping out, please email [karin@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbuff.org) or call Karin at 651-772-2075. For more information on the Minneapolis/St. Paul Home Tour, visit [www.msphometour.com](http://www.msphometour.com); visit [www.daytonsbuff.org](http://www.daytonsbuff.org) for more information about the Dayton's Bluff tour.

### Vacant Home Tour and Historic District's 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary

Mark your calendar: the Dayton's Bluff Vacant Home Tour/ Dayton's Bluff Historic District Celebration will be held **Sunday, May 5.** It will showcase some of the vacant homes in our neighborhood and, it is hoped, find buyers for them. Eight to 10 homes will be featured on the tour.

On May 5, between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm, pick up your copy of the tour map at 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of East 7<sup>th</sup> and Margaret Street). Ride on a 1954 Twin Cities Rapid Transit bus, or drive your own vehicle to look at the houses.

Information about loans and home fix-up, and people to answer questions about Dayton's Bluff, will be at 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Vacant Home Tour is a project of the Dayton's Bluff Vacant Building Committee (DBVBC), which has offered successful tours the last few years. The tours have brought hundreds of people to look at Dayton's Bluff and its homes.

May is Historic Preservation month, and our Dayton's Bluff Historic District is 21 years old. The Vacant Building Committee is inviting everyone to celebrate the Historic District and take our 2013 Vacant Home Tour.

We are looking for Dayton's Bluff people to help during the tour. Duties include showing the homes, helping the realtor, and telling visitors about our community. Please email [karin@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:karin@daytonsbuff.org) or call 651-772-2075.

### Dayton's Bluff Seniors fund raiser dinner May 4

The second annual Dayton's Bluff Seniors Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on **Saturday, May 4** at 5:00 pm at 463 Maria Avenue, the First Lutheran Church education building. The event will include live entertainment, auction items include gift certificates and other items from local businesses.

"Last year I got a very nice \$239 motorcycle jacket for \$65," community organizer Karin DuPaul said. This is a fund raiser for Dayton's Bluff Seniors to help them continue their work through the Living at Home Block Nurse Program that helps seniors continue living in their own homes as long as they can.

Advance ticket purchase recommended. The cost of the event is \$15; or \$10 for seniors and children. For more information, call Dayton's Bluff Seniors at 651-776-7210, ext. 303.

### April offerings at the Historic Mounds Theatre

by Raeann Ruth, Executive Director, The Historic Mounds Theatre

#### Empower Emporium

The Empower Emporium Psychic and Wellness Faire returns to the Historic Mounds Theatre on **Saturday, April 13** from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Activities include free classes and workshops, psychic and intuitive readings, alternative health professionals, aura photos and artisanal businesses. For more details, visit [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org).

Admission is a \$5 donation, with all donations going to the KEYS Youth Program.

#### War of the Worlds

*War of the Worlds*, a play by Howard Koch, will be performed by the Mounds Theatre Community Players as a live theatrical radio drama.

A special presentation at the Historic Mounds Theatre will commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Orson Welles radio broadcast that chilled the nation. It is based on the original science fiction classic *The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells.

Performance dates: **April 19, 20, 26, 27 and May 4** at 7:00 pm, with a special matinee **May 5** at 2:00 pm.

For more information and to purchase your tickets online, please go to [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org).

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106.

### MOUNDS PARK BARBER STYLISTS



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Judy Lee

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Saturday,  
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Indian Mounds Regional Park  
south pavilion  
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Treats, games, activities for all

All are also welcome to join us  
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Sunday, March 31, 10:30am at  
1049 Euclid St.



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651-774-8736 [www.moundsparkumc.org](http://www.moundsparkumc.org)

Every Sunday at  
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9:15 am  
Sunday School:  
adults, children &  
youth

10:30 am  
Sunday Service

11:30 am  
coffee & treats

**Sunday, April 7:**

Family/Kids' Club and Youth (all ages): Como Zoo trip, 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Sunday, April 14:**

Youth brunch at 12:00 noon following service.

**Saturday, April 20:**

Glorious Grocery Giveaway: 10:30 am. One bag of groceries to all.

**Saturday, April 20:**

Family Movie Night featuring "The Odd Life of Timothy Green." Games at 4:30 pm; free-will dinner at 5:15 pm; movie at 6:00 pm. Open to all.

**Saturday, April 27:**

RUMMAGE SALE 9:00-11:00 am at the church. No early birds/advance sales. Call 651-774-8736 for more information.

### Urban C.R.O.S.S.

(Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul)

A ministry of Mounds Park United Methodist Church

The organizers of Urban CROSS are looking for residents and non-profit organizations who could use a hand. If you have a project that you need help with such as: painting, yardwork, landscaping, cleanup, simple construction or repair, please contact us. We invite other youth from churches all over to join us for a week of an "Urban Makeover." During the second week of June, teams of youth demonstrate the love of God through serving the people of St. Paul's residential East Side. Please go to our website and fill out a form, if you would like our help.

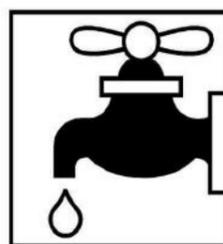
**Deadline for requests is May 15, 2013.**

If you would like to **donate** to Urban CROSS, we are always in need of: tools, supplies, paint, painting equipment, printing, staff t-shirts; food for the teams/staff; or even scholarships for youth. To make a financial donation, please send a check or money order written out to "Mounds Park UMC." (Please be sure to write "Urban CROSS" in the memo line of the check or money order.)

All gifts are tax deductible. Please ask for a receipt if needed.

Contact Eric Buck, Youth Director, at 612-559-2369

[urbancross.st.paul@gmail.com](mailto:urbancross.st.paul@gmail.com) [www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html](http://www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html)



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## New playground for Indian Mounds Park

by Forum staff

Planning is underway for a new and expanded play area for Indian Mounds Park. A task force of neighbors has started meeting to offer suggestions and review many proposals. There may be a "water feature" such as a splash pad, new play equipment, and a new building or two. The construction will start

this summer.

There will be a community open house within a couple of months. But if you have some ideas you want to share, please contact Ellen Stewart, the city staff person who is coordinating the project. Her email is [ellenstewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:ellenstewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us). You could also call Dayton's Bluff organizer Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075.

## Casting a vision for a thriving East Side

by Tim Herman, ESABA Executive Director

ESABA has kicked the year off with a bang in 2013 by adding more new members, renewing about 30 of its 2012 members in the last two months, and working on greater collaboration and partnership with the other organizations and associations on the East Side.

As I talk with businesses all across the East Side, the optimism for an economic boom is becoming contagious. The East Side is starting to see investment on a much larger scale than it has in years. Starting with the bold vision of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and their "Million Dollars Will Make It Happen on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street" campaign and event last August that saw nearly 60 businesses showcasing their products and services in a "Sidewalk Expo" type event, the DBCC was later awarded \$500,000 in Star Grant funding for the businesses to match with another \$500,000 to qualify to revitalize their businesses. That's a million dollars that will be spent in Dayton's Bluff.

Dreaming big and having a bold vision that inspires people is absolutely what the East Side needs. At our Holiday Gala in December, St. Paul Saints owner Mike Veeck put it eloquently, "Martin Luther King did not inspire people to a cause because he had a plan. He had a dream! He had a vision for the possible."

I believe the East Side is ripe for continued growth and opportunity and is becoming an attractive place to invest for entrepreneurs, developers and for Foundations. I believe the members of ESABA can lead the way to a broader vision that is followed by action for our future. ESABA was at the center of the Phalen Corridor project a decade ago and now is re-igniting that torch of large scale collaboration and picking up where that one project left off.

Right in the middle of this gathering of momentum for a bigger broad vision the "MN Idea Open – Forever St. Paul Challenge" springs up with \$1,000,000 to the idea that makes St. Paul great. Wow, what if the East Side got those dollars? What if that million dollars was just the start or the catalyst for a greater investment? The Phalen Corridor Project was said to bring some \$500-\$800 million in investment, infrastructure, and jobs. What if the "Make it Happen" dollars, along with the East Side landing the Forever St. Paul dollars, was just the beginning of another boom of large scale investment?

### ESABA Updates and Events

ESABA has just launched the Hmong Business Committee, which will be chaired by entrepreneur Victor Lee and is in the process of recruiting participants. A Latino and African American Business Committee will soon follow, and will help grow our membership to include Hmong, Latino, African American, and other minority-owned businesses.

ESABA is close to launching their new website, which will include a community calendar and opportunities to promote businesses and events.

Join us on Thursday, April 4 for the "ESABA Ticket to Ride Pub Crawl." This event will feature four East Side bars/pubs and one other St. Paul pub. Details are being finalized, and we are expecting a big turnout and loads of fun all across the East Side. Tickets are only \$30 and can be purchased at [www.vitaltickets.com](http://www.vitaltickets.com). Email [tim@esaba.org](mailto:tim@esaba.org) or visit our Facebook page for the latest news.



## Matching neighborhood history

by Steve Trimble  
Forum historian

You can sometimes find items on eBay that add to our knowledge of neighborhood history, or at least provide some graphics for articles. Such is the case with the matchbooks that were given out by local businesses. Here's is a look at some of the ones I have gathered recently.

The first is from Pabst, Inc. No, not the beer company, but a meat market that used to be a prominent place in Dayton's Bluff. It seems appropriate to start with this purchase, because the building at 800 Margaret is currently undergoing a major renovation.

As noted on the cover, Pabst opened in 1886 just off East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It is the longest-lasting establishment featured on any of these matchbooks. At the time it was a meat market – in those days there were often separate stores for meat and for other groceries.

The Pabst matchbook cover shows that they began selling food as well as meat, and it contains many slogans trying to attract customers, including "Fine foods/Fair prices," "Purveyors of Fine Foods," and "Quality is Never Expensive," suggesting that they may have been a little more upscale than some of their competitors.

By the time these matches were produced, Pabst also featured "Imported and Domestic Liquors." A person could get either "Strong or 3.2 Beer" and there was "No limit." As an additional attraction, the store offered "cooled" cases or kegs "at no extra cost."

If you are interested, there are several online photos of Pabst grocery on the Minnesota Historical Society's web site at [mnhs.org](http://mnhs.org).

Another matchbook was from a store that was strictly for the sale of alcohol. It was the East Side Liquor Store that was at 918 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It was clearly the most colorful advertisement with a drawing of a rooster and a slogan that cut across the cover saying "We don't mean to crow, but those in the know patronize East Side Liquor Store."

The business had "Imported & Domestic Wines, Liquors, Beers" and stated that it had "free parking" for those with cars—a good thing as the old streetscape had limited spaces on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. For those living too far to walk there, they offered free delivery if you called them at Tower 2211.

I drove by to see if the building is still there and discovered that it is gone. The area was cleared a few decades ago by 3M for parking. It now sits empty, with a "for sale" sign.

Then there is Warren's Bar. There was not a lot of information on the relic. The business was owned by Warren

Montpetit. He was part of a family that had numerous liquor establishments around the city. In later years, for instance, Warren was running the Belmont Club on University Avenue.

Warren's Bar was located at 949 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street and its phone number was PR1-6904. They specifically mentioned that the bar had air conditioning and television, perhaps because not all Dayton's Bluff purveyors of alcohol had such amenities. This matchbook establishment at the northeast corner of Forest and East 7<sup>th</sup> Street is still being used for its earlier purpose, but is now named Erik's Bar. Out of curiosity, I checked a 1904 issue of the St. Paul Globe and found that a P. Pierre had applied for a liquor license at the location, so the building has housed a bar for a century – maybe longer.

Another featured building that is still standing is at 571 Cypress, where Ray J. Ryan ran a grocery store. His simple green matchbook mentions that they were at 4<sup>th</sup> and Cypress, with "Groceries, Meats Frozen Foods Fruits & Vegetables," adding "we deliver." Ryan could be called at Van Buren 5575. The mention of frozen foods suggests that this advertisement was handed out after World War II, when frozen foods became more common. The building has been much altered and I'm not sure what is there now, but the Internet lists a business named "Illuminated Signs" that may still be operating.

Finally, for old-time matchbook memories, I found a paper-of-the-past of Mike's Pin Up Bar that used to be located at 850 Forest Street. The matchbook said "Eat and drink here," but they also delivered if you called 776-9030, a more modern number. As expected, Mike's had colorful wall decorations their clientele was heavily 3M workers. They opened early in the morning to take care of those coming off the night shift.

While this article may not be academic history, it is written to conjure up neighborhood memories. I hope some of the readers will send in some short remembrances of some of the places that are mentioned. Others might dig around in drawers and send in some additional local matchbooks to the *Forum* and we can start a collection to preserve paper memories.



CALLING ALL EAST SIDE PUB PATRONS!



Thursday, April 4, 2013 • 6:00–10:00 p.m. • Cost: \$30

Buses leave from SunRay Lanes (located at 94 and McKnight) promptly at 6:00 p.m.

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## Getting right to the heart with Rubén Rosario

by Mark Gallagher  
Forum editorial assistant

Growing up in New York City, Rubén Rosario – columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press since 1997 – dreamt of playing centerfield for the New York Yankees. But after much soul searching, he realized some things didn't fit.

"My first pursuit in college was pre-med," Rosario says, "but after the second year, I realized I didn't have a passion for that, but was always very good at writing.

"English is not my first language, Spanish is – but somehow English clicked. Even when I was in elementary school, people were always complimenting me on my writing."

But Rubén Rosario never saw writing as a profession until he got to college. "I started reading newspapers and columnists like Pete Hamill and Jimmy Breslin," Rosario says, "and I kind of got the idea in the back of my head. Both of them are legendary New York City columnists. They both worked at the *New York Daily News* where I worked, and I would count Jimmy Breslin as a mentor."

Rosario is renowned for his ability to get the subjects of his articles to trust him so much that they're willing to reveal themselves at a deep and vulnerable level. How does he accomplish that? "I just treat them like people; I don't treat them like an interview subject. We talk, we break ice, we find common ground," he says. "I find, you know, there is universality in everything. You treat people with respect, whether it's the vice president or whether it's somebody who's behind bars."

Rosario has much experience interviewing people in prison. He says, "I think there are good stories when I

have gone to prisons. It's either a prison program that seems promising or it's a story about someone who's achieved something educationally, like completing a college degree while in prison.

"But sometimes it's a woman who has killed her child. The woman was an alcoholic and addicted to drugs. She will probably find out what it is like to spend the next 40 years of her life with a picture of her little girl that she killed posted in her jail cell.

"I don't know if I do anything differently from other people. There is great journalism going on in America every day. I don't pretend to be the best columnist around. I strive to be, but I don't pretend to be," Rosario says.

"To me, to get to the heart of the matter is just talking to people on a very human level. Sometimes I just come in completely a stranger to what they do for a living or their life experiences. It might be some hunter from Ely who, on the surface, has nothing in common with me, but then you find out you do. You have a wife, you have kids, you watch movies you like, and you find out you have common ground to break the ice and get to the heart.

"Writing is practice; writing is hard. It's absorbing the way other people write – not that I'm going to imitate them, but I'll read other columnists," Rosario says. "I'll read my old colleague Juan Gonzalez from the *New York Daily News*, who writes really good stuff about things going on in New York. He really gets to the heart of the underprivileged and the working poor – he's a good watchdog.

"I read how they approach stories, and all that," Ruben Rosario says. "You know, you're always learning. When you stop learning...your skills start to erode."

## Call for artists

### Art in the Hollow: Outdoor temporary installation/sculpture competition & exhibition 2013

submitted by the Friends of Swede Hollow

Art in the Hollow will host its first annual Outdoor Temporary Installation/Sculpture Competition & Exhibition. We aim to select 10 temporary artworks to grace wild and lovely Swede Hollow Park during the annual daylong Art in the Hollow festival on June 1, 2013. The competition is inspired by the spontaneous work of Erick Wiger, a local glass artist and founding Art in the Hollow Advisory Panel member. In 2012, while presumably tending his exhibition booth in the park, he surprised everyone by hanging a whimsical, glistening mobile in a quiet grotto. Everyone was delighted by this wonderful union of art and nature. Hence, we are calling for works designed in relation to specific settings, adding a new dimension to our pursuit of "art in action" at Swede Hollow Park. Applications are due April 18, 2013. Criteria are: enhancement of the natural setting, quality of design, originality. Three of the 10 selections will be awarded cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100. Applicant information can be found at [www.artinthehollow.org](http://www.artinthehollow.org).

Winners of the competition will be announced on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 6:30 pm. Information about the winning entries, including photos and artist statements, will be posted on our website and Facebook page the next day.

The first annual Art in the Hollow Outdoor Installation/Sculpture Competition & Exhibition winning pieces will be erected in the sites they were designed for at Swede Hollow Park on June 1, 2013 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The entrance to the park is near the Hope Community Academy parking lot at 720 Payne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55130. Visitors can enjoy the sculpture displays along the walking paths amidst a park alive with visual and performing artists throughout the day. Admission and parking are free.

Artists from across the State of Minnesota are welcome to compete. Deadline for submissions is Thursday April 18, 2013. Application instructions are on the Art in the Hollow website ([www.artinthehollow.org](http://www.artinthehollow.org)). There is no fee for an artist's first application. There is a \$15 fee for any subsequent applications by the same artist. Some submitted drawings will be displayed at a booth at the festival; all submissions may be picked up from there at 5:00 pm, the festival's end. The competition will be judged by professional, award-winning artists from the Twin Cities: architect Jerry Allan; St. Paul's City Artist in Residence Marcus Young; and Christine Baeumler; whose stone installation "Swede Hollow Henge" is the first and only public art in Swede Hollow Park.

## Easter rituals not always good for pets

by the Animal Humane Society, Golden Valley  
[animalhumanesociety.org](http://animalhumanesociety.org)

"Human" holidays and the rituals that go with them can bring people a lot of comfort and joy, but the same can't always be said for our pets. In fact, holidays often represent dangers.

Easter is a good example. Not only are there a lot of food items around during this holiday that can be dangerous to pets, especially dogs (but cats as well), one of the customs involves hiding treats in places where they are often a lot easier for a canine than a human to find – and gobble up.

Easter baskets – or, more specifically the items that go *in* Easter baskets – are almost uniformly bad for animals in the home. Let's start with chocolate.

Chocolate, of course, comes from cocoa, which contains the chemical compound theobromine, which, because they process it differently than humans, is extremely toxic to dogs. Eating chocolate can cause dogs to vomit or have diarrhea, and at high levels can even be fatal. The problem is that dogs love chocolate, and they will wipe out a bowl of chocolate eggs without batting an eye. That's why it's important to keep the chocolate safely removed from anywhere a dog can get to them, and do not hide chocolate eggs around the house as part of any Easter egg hunt.

As far as other items that might go into an Easter basket, most if not all of it is probably candy, and that's not good for pets either. Chocolate is the worst, but candy of any kind can be harmful to pets.

Cats should not have chocolate, either. Cats generally don't show much interest in it, but you should still take precautions if you have felines but not canines in the house. Cats *will* show interest in the manufactured Easter "grass" that is often put in Easter baskets and in other Easter displays, but it should be kept away from them, as ingesting it can cause severe digestive problems.

Finally, resist any urge to give pets (such as rabbits or chicks) as gifts as part of your Easter celebration, even though your kids may ask for them and you know they're cute. A bunny can make a great pet, to be sure, but taking care of any pet takes a lot of work, and that's not often considered when someone suddenly receives one for Easter. Most of those rabbits end up being surrendered to an animal shelter after a few weeks, when the ramifications of adopting a pet sink in. Feel free to do your research to determine if a rabbit is the right pet for your family, but please don't do it at Easter.

The decision should be a little easier with chicks. A baby chick is very cute, everyone agrees, but chicks grow into chickens – and chickens take a special kind of care that most people are not equipped or knowledgeable enough to give. Without that kind of care, and the proper environment for a chicken (which is not your living room), they have little chance at surviving even a few weeks past the holiday.

Enjoy your Easter celebrations, and by following these few precautions, your pets can have a good holiday as well.



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*special to the Forum*

Thursday, March 7, 2013 was declared "Derrick Jaeger Day" by St. Paul mayor Chris Coleman. As Director of the East Side YMCA, Jaeger (at right, above) participated and chaired multiple committees on the East Side including the East Side Area Business Association (ESABA), East Side Lions, and the Prosperity Campaign, to name a few. At the event, Jaeger spoke, and YMCA District Executive Director David Dominic helped recognize him for community accomplishments as well as his work with the YMCA. Jaeger is moving on to a new job in South St. Paul.

**C-SPAN films in Dayton's Bluff**

*photo and article by Harvey Meyer, Metropolitan State University*

The C-SPAN national cable TV network was on Metropolitan State University's St. Paul campus on Tuesday, February 26, to film a class session taught by university history professor Doug Rossinow. The course is titled "From Reagan to Obama: America since 1980." C-SPAN contacted Rossinow about filming one of his classes after broadcasting a lecture he presented at an American Historical Association annual meeting. In this particular class session, Rossinow discussed the Iran-Contra scandal. The class is scheduled to be broadcast on C-SPAN sometime in the future.



**Introducing the East Side Food and Wellness Hub**

*from an ESPC release*

The East Side Food and Wellness Hub works to address issues of health, food access, resources and knowledge in our area to ensure all East Side residents feel healthy, safe, hopeful, and "at home" in their community.

Get involved in food issues on the East Side:

1. Become a Hub member to receive low-cost seeds and plants for your garden! Scholarships available for free membership.
2. Take classes and learn about gardening, cooking, physical activity, and more!

To learn more or register to become a Hub member, join us on:

**April 13** at First Covenant Church (1280 Arcade Street, St. Paul) from 1:00-4:00 pm for seed distribution.

**May 18** for plant distribution (time and place to be announced).

The East Side Food and Wellness Hub is a project of the East Side Prosperity Campaign (ESPC) and part of the Gardening Matters Local Food Resource Hub Network. The mission of the ESPC is to foster collaboration across cultures and communities to achieve lasting change for an equitable East Side. For more information, visit [www.eastsidepc.org](http://www.eastsidepc.org) or call Rebecca at 651-228-7073.



**Ward 6 invites East Siders to breakfast**

*by Meg Gronau, Forum editor*

You've probably heard of the new local hot spot for comforting pub food, delicious beer, and creative cocktails. Ward 6, owned by East Siders Eric Foster and Bob Parker, is bustling in the evenings, when folks from around the metro gather at 858 Payne Avenue, delighting in creations like the bacon-laced "Fatty Melt" burger or the surprisingly-spicy signature "Ward 6" martini.

But Ward 6 is also a warm and welcoming weekday breakfast spot. The Dutch Baby is rich and eggy, the Bloody Marys are divine, and the antique, beautifully-carved old bar, original from when the building was part of the Hamm's brewery, is glorious to behold in broad daylight.

Ward 6 is open for breakfast Monday through Friday at 8:00 am; Saturdays and Sundays at 9:00 am. Stop in and say hello, and try some fabulous food and drink to start your day off with a bit of East Side pride. Ward 6 is located on Payne Avenue, just north of Phalen Boulevard; 651-348-8181 or [www.ward6stpaul.com](http://www.ward6stpaul.com).

**Recycle it forward**

*from a City of St. Paul release*

Help shape the future of waste management in St. Paul – share YOUR ideas!

The city of St. Paul is embarking on a community-wide assessment project, Recycle it Forward. The city will gather input from the community and key stakeholders regarding waste management programs and services (recycling, composting, bulky wastes, litter and garbage issues). The information gathered through this process will help determine program initiatives and services into the next decade and beyond. Visit [www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward](http://www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward).

Share your thoughts with the decisionmakers at Open St. Paul at [www.peakdemocracy.com/1144](http://www.peakdemocracy.com/1144), or text "subscribe" to 651-222-9498.

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Letters to the editor

ESABA Supports Moonshine after stabbing

There has been a lot written in the papers about the stabbing outside of the Moonshine bar a few weeks back. The East Side Area Business Association (ESABA) had already agreed to include the Moonshine as part of their upcoming "Ticket To Ride" Pub Crawl. As ESABA continues to reach out in support of minority-owned businesses who are all part of the Dayton's Bluff Community, I want you to all know that the stabbing only strengthened our commitment to stand in support of this business and their efforts to provide a safe and fun place. I saw great integrity from the bar when, the next day, special condolences were expressed to the community and the families of the victims, and were even posted on the bar's own social media sites.

I believe the business community will continue to strengthen across the East Side by working together to solve complex problems. I believe it is time for our entire community to commit to shop locally. Statistics on supporting local small businesses have shown nationally that more than 60% of every dollar spent will stay in that local community. If we are tired of rundown buildings and vacant store fronts on the East Side, we need to start investing our shopping dollars in the businesses down the street. We East Siders need to speak up when crime happens, and let people know that we are not going to sit by and allow the negative perception of the East Side to continue. I believe the East Side is, and will continue to be, a destination place with amazing and unique shops and businesses. We truly are an international market where you can "journey around the world without leaving the East Side."

Tim Herman  
Executive Director, ESABA

Youth proposes "pump track" BMX/skate park alternative



Photo by Steve Behr/Stockfile

A "pump track," dug out of the ground, can be a more economical alternative to a BMX/skate park, while still providing a recreational outdoor space for local youths to gather.

What's missing?

The East Side is home to many children and youth. According to Minnesota Compass, over 32 percent of the population of our neighborhood is under 18 years of age. It is not a rare occurrence to see young people riding bikes all around our neighborhood. I can be included in this group of people. I have a passion for riding and fixing bicycles; the problem is riding your bike on the street gets old and boring to me. My friends and I want something more that introduces people to biking in different ways such as a BMX and skate park. The only problem is that a BMX/skate park is very expensive to build. There is an alternative to a BMX/skate park! This is called a pump track! A pump track is like a BMX park, but is built in the dirt by digging ramps in the ground making it much less expensive to build and maintain. This type of park would attract lots of young people from our neighborhood and introduce them to an alternative form of biking that is fun and healthy to do.

Riley Soeffker  
Neighborhood youth

View from my porch

by Sage Holben  
Dayton's Bluff Community Council

True or false? Most men and women will agree that sexism continues in one degree or another. True or false? Racism flourishes despite letters to the editor, anti-racism workshops, or directly challenging another's actions or words. How does one get inside another's head or soul?

Now, consider rankism. Robert W. Fuller, the coiner of the term "rankism," describes it as "using one's real or perceived power to hold the balance of power in a relationship." In the context of a neighborhood, a person might translate simple social position into power. It might be the person who has been a resident for the longest time; a homeowner over a renter; a resident who participates in community activities over one who doesn't; a child whose toys are spendy and store-bought rather than makeshift or built from scraps; a privileged youth (whose vacation/free time consists of travel, leisure and organized, costly sports) who assumes or is given the role of decision-maker/"boss" over other youths (most often youths of color), whose free time is spent working to supplement the family income; the person with a college education over the one who didn't finish high school; the person who knows and uses governmental connections over the neighbor who barely makes it through life's system and tends to avoid anyone "official."

Some of these examples can be labeled as classism; some, upon closer examination, as racism. Rankism encompasses many of these other "-isms" and can help introduce them into conversation with less fire than, perhaps, racism (which needs to be faced, but often creates eerie quiet or spitting anger when brought up in most conversations).

Fuller, author of *Somebodies and Nobodies*, states: "Rankism is what people who take themselves for "somebodies" do to those they mistake for "nobodies." Whether directed at an individual or a group, rankism aims to put targets in their place and keep them weak, so they will do as they're told and submit to being taken advantage of."

Not wanting to see a problem where there isn't any, but still seeing a system

that rankled me, I talked with a colleague whose career and personal life are steeped in addressing and examining racism, classism, relationships, attitudes, and systems.

In the case of youths: my hope is that parents who recognize that their children are privileged, whether by color of their skin, education, or economic status and the luxury of costly or fee-based extracurricular educational or sports activities; or easily replacing a stolen bike instead of having to rebuild one from parts; that these parents will teach not only tolerance (whatever that means) but also why their children are very fortunate to take for granted what others must eke out; why they have access to and can expect financial/time based activities. My hope is that parents – ALL parents – teach their children that when they do live a privileged life, that the children share the gifts of privilege much as they might share their toys: if privilege means being "boss," share that role; if it is the gift of a job that you neither need nor want, share the opportunity; if you have more toys than you need, stash or give them away and experience playing only with the cardboard box. Last, do all this unconditionally and without pride of being "tolerant." Do it with the knowledge that life often offers some a bigger stage than it offer others. Share that stage. Do it without the arrogance of "tolerance."

As often happens when I question behaviors in a system, I end up challenging my own beliefs and actions. I was reminded that the beauty and truth of a youth having to build his bike from parts, or making the cardboard box the all-purpose toy (playhouse/fort/sled/dollhouse/airport) or finding jobs through his or her own inventiveness and resourcefulness, does not make one disadvantaged. That youth may not be the most privileged as society defines it, but certainly is one apt to have learned resourcefulness and creativity and to find and name his or her own success because of recognizing what defines tolerance, entitlement, privilege, and being named "the other." I look forward to knowing that person when he or she is an adult. As always, youth in our neighborhood open my eyes and teach with great depth.

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Join us at our Community Council meetings. All are open to the public and (except as noted) held at the Community Council office at 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**Land Use Committee:**  
Monday, April 1, 7:00 pm

**Equity Committee:**  
Tuesday, April 2, 5:00 pm

**Vacant Building Committee:**  
Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm

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Monday, April 8, 7:15 pm  
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## Inmigración política y el East Side

por Peter Rachleff  
traducido por Rafael Espinosa

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Por más de un siglo y medio, el East Side ha sido un centro para la clase obrera y política inmigrante. Ahora, frente a los desafíos colocados por la Gran Recesión y el crecimiento de la política anti inmigrante en Minnesota, es importante que aprendamos que nuestra historia y consideremos sus lecciones.

### Inmigrantes que llegaron en los 1800 ayudaron a construir el East Side.

En medio de los 1800, los inmigrantes de Irlanda, Alemania, y Escandinavia se colonizaron el East Side, huyendo a la pobreza dura, la opresión, y problemas políticos en su país. Siguiendo una gama de trabajo hábil y no especializado, ellos construyeron la infraestructura para nuestro desarrollo urbano e industrial — puentes, carreteras, casas, fábricas y bodegas, cavaron túneles y colocaron vías ferroviarias. Ellos también construyeron instituciones culturales, religiosas y políticas, sociedades atléticas y cantantes a sociedades de beneficencia, las iglesias y las ramas de organizaciones políticas del país viejo. En la era de post-Guerra civil, estos inmigrantes y sus niños proporcionaron la base para el movimiento obrero que consistió no sólo de Uniones, pero también de cooperativas, asociaciones de reforma (buscando la jornada de ocho horas por día, por ejemplo), y organizaciones políticas. Los trabajadores dependieron de estas organizaciones para ayudarlos a través la profunda depresión económica de 1873-1878, para representarlos a tratar con dirigentes empresariales poderosos como James J. Hill y George Pillsbury, y para darles una voz hacia la sociedad norteamericana en total.

En la última parte de los 1800 y a principio de los 1900, nuevos inmigrantes llegaron al East Side. Mientras algunos vinieron de Irlanda, Alemania, y de Escandinavia, vinieron cada vez más del sur y de Europa del Este: Eslovaquia, Croacia, Serbia, Rumanía, Polonia, Ucrania, Italia, y Grecia. Algunos hasta vinieron de Líbano y México, y

diferentes, de los que emigraron antes, ellos compartían las experiencias de haber huido opresión y pobreza, y ellos, también, fueron atraídos por la necesidad de la economía de las Ciudades Gemelas del trabajo manual. Había todavía necesidad de mano de obra para la construcción e infraestructura, y también había necesidad de mano de obra para su reparación, para correr trenes, hacer cerveza, y para nuevas industrias, como empacación de carne y automóviles y fábricas de aparatos domésticos. Como sus antecesores, ellos se unieron las Uniones, participaron en huelgas, y buscaron una voz en la arena política.

### Inmigrantes en tiempos anteriores vistos como "extraterrestres"

Mientras estos nuevos inmigrantes llegaron a ser una parte esencial de la clase obrera del East Side en la era de la Primera Guerra Mundial, los políticos y los periódicos los acusaron de radicalismo y deslealtad. Nativismo estalló durante los años de la guerra cuando Gobernador Burnquist creó la Comisión Pública de la Seguridad y ordenó a que todos los inmigrantes llenaran "formularios de registro de extranjeros." Cuando la economía se deslizó en la recesión en los principios de los años de 1920, vecinos de clase obrera de algunos de los inmigrantes temiendo la pérdida de sus trabajos ellos se unieron en el grito de intensificar la restricción del gobierno para más inmigración adicional. En 1923-1924, Congreso decretó el Acto de Johnson-Reid que se concentró especialmente en inmigrantes de Europa del Sur y del Este, mientras empleadores locales escuelas y agencias sociales lanzaron campañas de "americanización."

Tales intervenciones cementaron realmente las relaciones entre la clase obrera de Eastsiders sobre el curso de los años veinte y en la Gran Depresión de los años treinta. Lo que sus orígenes nacionales, étnicos o raciales, ellos reclamaron una identidad compartida como "añadidos norteamericanos," celebrando en el Festival anual de Naciones (que decidió en 1932 en incluir a "Afroamericanos" como una etnia), en salones de uniones, booyas, y varias reuniones de la comunidad.

Los inmigrantes y sus niños del East Side ayudaron a elegir alcalde del partido de Trabajo Campesino en 1932 (William Mahoney, el redactor del periódico de las Uniones), y un gobernador del partido de Trabajo Campesino (Floyd B. Olson). Junto

con West Siders y residentes de South. Paul, ellos organizaron nuevas uniones industriales y alimentaron el resurgimiento del movimiento obrero. Ayudaban a construir una democracia económica, política y cultural en East Side.

Últimos 30 años han puesto la



Photos by Steve Trimble

**Above: A young dancer gets help at the Azteca Mexica Año Nuevo celebration on March 9.**

**Below left: Young children enjoy crafts and activities at the annual event.**

### democracia a prueba

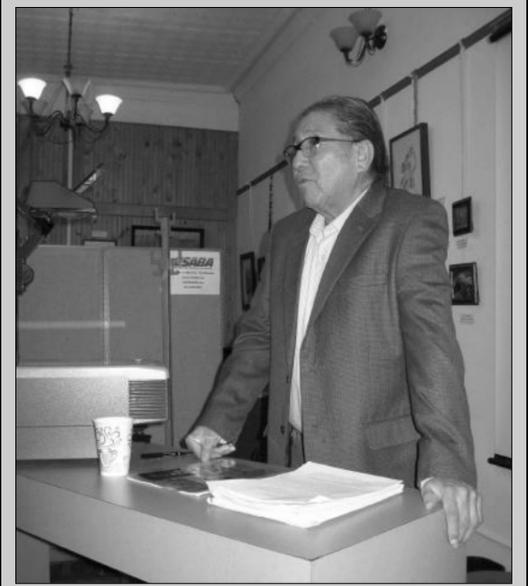
Esta democracia ha sido puesta a prueba durante los últimos treinta años. Por una parte, mucha de la base industrial del East Side ha sido eliminada. Las uniones han desaparecido junto con trabajos, y los nietos de la clase obrera tradicional se han marchado. La Gran Recesión de 2008-2010, viniendo encima de este período del cambio económico difícil, ha colocado una crisis grave para nuestra comunidad. Mientras tanto, una nueva ola de inmigración ha llegado al barrio, generado por guerra (Vietnam, Bosnia, El Salvador, Somalia, Etiopía, Liberia) y globalización económica (México, Guatemala, la Unión Soviética anterior). Como sus antecesores, estos nuevos inmigrantes han buscado el trabajo y la estabilidad para sus familias, y ellos han construido organizaciones e instituciones y practicado sus culturas y los rituales. La industria de atención médica, el sector de servicio, hoteles y los restaurantes, y trabajos por el estilo ha buscado su mano de obra. Cuando ha habido oportunidades, ellos, como sus antecesores, cuando hay oportunidad se han unido a uniones y han buscado una voz política.

La llegada de los nuevos inmigrantes en tiempo de inseguridad económica para los Eastsiders ha hecho su bienvenida y la integración un poco difícil, no sólo para ellos, pero para esa democracia económica, política y cultural que generaciones de Eastsiders construyeron. Dado estos tiempos duros, nosotros debemos recordar de nuestra historia, aprender de ella, y trabajar juntos para crear una nueva democracia para nuestro presente y nuestro futuro.

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ellos se les unieron afroamericanos de EEUU del sur y mexicano-norteamericanos de Tejas. Mientras muchos hablaron idiomas diferentes y tenían rituales, culturas y religiones



### Dakota historian speaks at Community Council

article and photo by Steve Trimble  
Forum historian

2013 has been declared "The Year of the Dakota: Remembering, Honoring and Truth-Telling," by Minneapolis and St. Paul city councils. To participate, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council sponsored a talk by Chris Mato Nunpa, Ph.D., a former professor at Southwest State University and currently a part-time teacher at Metro State.

He greeted the gathering of around 50 in Dakota language, which he then translated. The main thrust of his presentation was to look at the treatment of the Dakota people, the importance of broken treaties. Describing himself as a "fifth-generation survivor of genocide," Nunpa said that the treatment of the Dakota people fits the United Nations' definition of genocide.

His talk and the question-and-answer period included positive explanation of Dakota origin stories, a belief that all life is interconnected, and the importance of the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers. Nunpa also touched on "inconvenient truths" such as breaking of treaties, massive land grabs, suppression of religion and language, the forced march from lower Sioux to Fort Snelling, Minnesota offering bounties on Dakota scalps after 1863, and the mass execution of 38 Dakota on a single gallows in Mankato.

Nunpa also offered glimpses into his personal life. When he went to school in Granite Falls in the late 1940s, he learned rage and anger, something common "having lived as oppressed people in this society." Over the years, he slowly withdrew from Christianity and experienced "a rebirth into Dakota ways."

Nunpa's sense of humor came across several times. He told a story of his response when someone asked if he spoke "Indian," he responded "do you speak white?" He also asked the audience how many had been born in this country and, when most raised their hands he said "Then you are all Native Americans." He then also explained that terms such as *first nations*, *aboriginals* or *native peoples* were more accurate, adding that the best was to use the term the people have for themselves, such as Dakota.

"It's unacceptable to me to do nothing," Nunpa said, adding that in retirement he wanted to work on few things: "telling truth fearlessly," working in the area of economic justice, and struggling for land restitution, possibly including back treaty rent.

He will also look to develop mutual respect, working with other cultures. One local example of progress made by working together has been getting Twin Cities local government to pass resolutions dealing with past problems and calling for new positive actions.

What is given here is a very limited look at his presentation. If you search for "Chris Mato Nunpa" on the Internet, you can find many more of his ideas and writings.