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*"The Voice of the Community"*

## East Side Radio holds first community meeting

*Forum staff*

If the first community meeting was any indication, the new East Side radio station should be broadcasting in at least four languages by the end of the year. Hmong, Somali, and Spanish speakers were among the 40-some people crowding the meeting room at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council office on April 15.

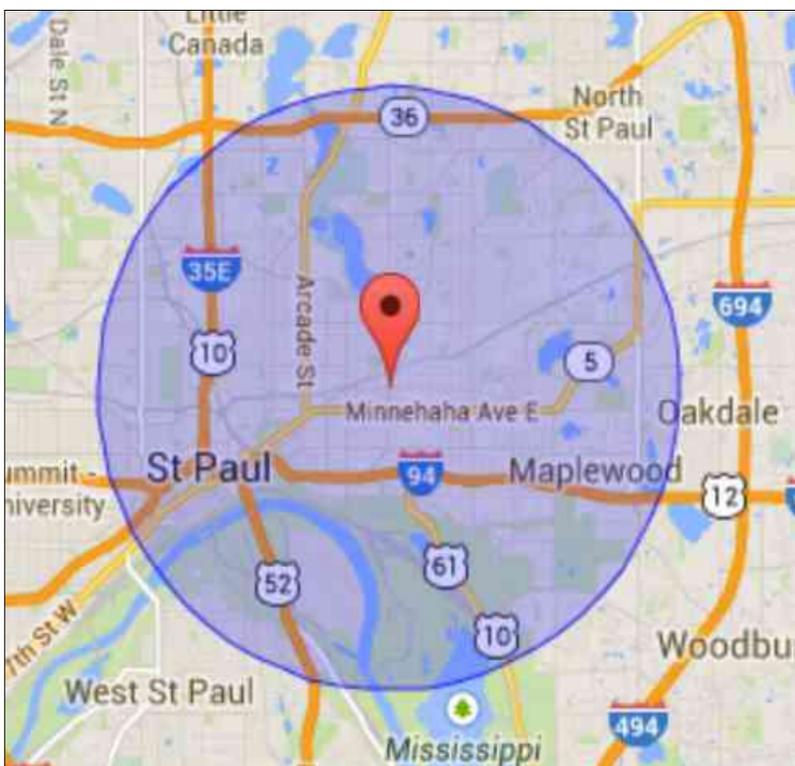
On March 24, the Council was awarded a permit by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to begin construction on a low-power FM radio station and the group hopes to be on the air by the end of the year. The station's frequency on the dial will be 104.7, but its call letters and name are yet to be determined. To try out some possible call letters, visit <http://licensing.fcc.gov/prod/callsign/main.html> and press "query," then enter your request. The first letter has to be "W," but the following three letters can be anything else. Be warned, though, most of the good call letters seem to be taken.

Even without a name yet for the station, ideas for programming abounded

at the community meeting. Suggestions included regular shows on disability issues, world music, East Side businesses, real estate, youth, locally-produced music, a bedtime story hour, seniors, soundscapes, gardening, radio diaries, industrial sound art, health (walking, transportation, preventive measures), how to make technology simple, Somali music, jazz, arts events, home repair, science, local employment, numerology, Dakota language, police department feedback, local history, local sports, Metropolitan State University students, community news and events, and local plays and performances.

Following the brainstorming, several embryonic committees were formed, including outreach, fundraising, and programming.

The next community meeting is planned for **6:15 pm, Tuesday, April 29**, at the Council office, 798 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. If you missed the notice or can't attend, be sure to get on the mailing list for updates and meeting times. Email [dbccfrontdesk@gmail.com](mailto:dbccfrontdesk@gmail.com) or call 651-772-2075.



The map above shows the optimum broadcast range of the new East Side radio station. Interest has been high and another community meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 6:15 pm at 789 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

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## Dayton's Bluff Community Council

### Mission:

#### TO ADVANCE EQUITY . . .

The Council makes space for the difficult conversations and actions in support of racial justice. We seek to create a neighborhood free of systemic and institutional inequities by ensuring that equity be made a priority consideration in all decisions, work plans and actions of the Council and its partners.

- Dayton's Bluff Living Wage and Fair Employment Policy - We actively encourage businesses to adopt practices outlined below.
- East Side Community Radio – Sponsor of a new low power FM station for local community programming.

#### . . . AND ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE . . .

We believe our community is enriched by neighbors knowing neighbors, broad participation in community events, growth of local business and access to resources to enrich the lives of all who live, work and do business in Dayton's Bluff.

- Night Out on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street Business and Community Fair, June 20, 2014.
- Market on the Bluff – locally grown produce & crafts, Thursdays, 4:00 to 8:00 pm, at Maria near East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Art on the Blocks – Youth voices through art.
- Make it Happen on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street - Business growth, STAR capital investment program.

#### . . . THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS . . .

We do our best work through partnerships that provide greater scale and impact.

- East Side Enterprise Center, LLC – a joint ownership partnership with the Latino Economic Development Center and featuring 12 programming partners that bring culturally focused economic and community development resources to the East Side.
- Fostering East Side Transit Equity Conversations (FESTEC) – a partnership of community groups and transit development government partners joined to ensure transit access for the East Side.
- Community University Partnership – grown out of the community pact with Metropolitan State University to ensure true partnership in multiple ways with the surrounding community.

#### . . . AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

Community engagement is the heart of the Community Council. We build the future together by working on common goals, driven by shared values and respect for the differences each person, community, age, gender and culture bring to our community table.

The council has the following standing committees actively working with the community: Arts and Cultures, Communications, Equity, Housing and Land use.

**For more information about how you can be involved, visit the Council's website at [www.daytonsbuff.org](http://www.daytonsbuff.org) or call 651-772-2075.**

### New Friends of Swede Hollow are welcome

The next Friends of Swede Hollow monthly meeting is on **Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm**. Email [karin@swedehollow.org](mailto:karin@swedehollow.org) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

### Get rid of your junk car; help Dayton's Bluff Community Council

Budget Towing of Minnesota, Minnesota's largest towing company, is owned by Roy Carlson, a former Dayton's Bluff Community Council board member. Budget Towing will remove any junk car or truck – located anywhere in St. Paul – and dispose of it at no charge to the vehicle owner or the property owner where it is located. The vehicle owner will receive paperwork for a tax donation, and Roy will also make a small donation to the Community Council for each car he tows.

Just call 651-772-2075 to get a junk car out of the way – and help clean up Dayton's Bluff.

### Meet with the police

The Eastern District Police will host their monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne Avenue, at the corner of Payne and Minnehaha Avenues.

The next meetings are **Friday, May 16, at 9:30 am, and Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 pm**. The meetings are intended to address and listen to concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

### Dayton's Bluff takes topics to Community Meetings

Every first Thursday of each month there is a community meeting held at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council offices. Residents can bring issues to law- and code-enforcement officials for followup and discussion. It's a great way to build relationships with the people who work to keep our neighborhood safe, clean, and drug-free.

Each month we also explore a new topic with the community. In March, we discussed the District Council's direction for 2014, the areas of work it's involved in, and the many committees of the Dayton's Bluff Community Council; in April we talked about pedestrian-friendly environments and making Dayton's Bluff more walkable. Come join in on **Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 pm** for a discussion on homelessness.

If you are unable to join us, you can always call the office at 651-772-2075 for committee and volunteer schedules.

### Eastside Transit Spotlight

On **Tuesday, April 29, from 6:00-8:00 pm** at the Dayton's Bluff Rec Center, join the Hiawatha Education Foundation for a transit event focusing exclusively on the Eastside.

The event features a powerful documentary film, *Is the Gateway Corridor Hudson Road Alignment a Pure Illusion?* This will be followed by short presentations of interviews with residents of the Eastside expressing their views on the Gateway Corridor Project, which largely seems to bypass the majority of Eastside residents.

All are welcome for refreshments, snacks, popcorn and door prizes.

### Take-a-Hike May 3

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be **Saturday, May 3**. Hikers meet at **10:30 am** in Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, and walk through local parks and trails, winding up at the new East Side Heritage Park. The hike is about two hours (four miles) with some moderately rough terrain. Enjoy stories of the history of the people and buildings of Dayton's Bluff! Return transportation is available, if required. New hikers are always welcome. For more information, call 651-776-0550.

### Art in the Hollow June 7

Art in the Hollow is on **Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. There are still a few slots available for artists, artisans, and performers. Sign up on Facebook or [www.artinthehollow.org](http://www.artinthehollow.org). Everyone is welcome to come to Art in the Hollow and it is still FREE.

For more information, call Karin DuPaul at the Friends of Swede Hollow, 651-776-0550, or visit [www.artinthehollow.org](http://www.artinthehollow.org). Be sure to circle June 7 on your calendar!

### St. Paul Public Library Bookmobile in May

Parkway Gardens, 1145 Hudson Road, **1:30-2:00 pm on Mondays, May 5 and 19**.

Wilson Hi-Rise, 1300 Wilson Avenue, **12:30-1:00 pm on Mondays, May 5 and 19**.

Cerenity Marian, 225 Frank Street, **2:30-3:00 pm on Monday, May 12**.

For more information, visit [www.sppl.org/bookmobile](http://www.sppl.org/bookmobile); call 651-266-7450.

### Dayton's Bluff Dinner Event

The Dayton's Bluff Dinner Event is going to be held on the evening of **Saturday, May 17**. Our community event is held every other year (even number years). Our dinner has been very popular with our neighborhood residents with around 30-40 participants. The event is similar to a progressive-style dinner; while not every participant hosts an event, host homes are needed to make it a success! This evening is for Dayton's Bluff residents age 21+. Please contact Marjorie Smith for more information or to get registered for the May 17 event. Call 651-778-1075 or email [mrg363@gmail.com](mailto:mrg363@gmail.com); please be sure to reference the Dayton's Bluff Dinner Event in your email or voice message.

### Mounds Park "Tree Trek"

The Mounds Park "Tree Trek," a trail identifying 25 different species of trees in the park, will be enlightening for students, seniors, and everyone in between – another way to explore our important community attraction. This project is made possible by a donation from the Pohlad Foundation.

On **Saturday, May 31, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**, there will be tree events with planting and putting in markers; you are welcome to help. There will be tours around the park and forestry experts from the city and the University of Minnesota to answer questions.

There will also be a free picnic, with food by Heavenly Day Café and Catering, a group from the First Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Tabitha DeRango at 651-772-2075 or Steve Trimble at [steve.trimble@gmail.com](mailto:steve.trimble@gmail.com).

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



- **Teen Room "Bluff Room":** 3:00-7:30 pm.

- **Rummage Sale:** April 26

- **Open gyms 6:00-7:30 pm.** Elementary school-age: Mondays & Wednesdays; Middle school-age: Tuesdays; High school-age: Thursdays.

- **Parent & Tot Time:** ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

- **Seniors "500" card playing:** every Friday, 12:00-4:00 pm.

- **Judo:** Mondays, 6:00-7:30 pm.

- **Self-defense:** Wednesdays, 6:00-7:45 pm.

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

**Stop by and check us out!**

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### May at the Historic Mounds Theatre

Raeann Ruth

Mounds Theatre Executive Director

#### Paracon 2014

Join us for a paranormal-filled day on **Saturday May 3, beginning at 10:00 am**. We have an amazing group of lectures ranging from psychics to UFOs, demonology to hypnosis, and many more. It will be an exciting day of meeting like-minded people who share the same interests as you and want to learn more. We have artisan vendors, specialty readers, silent auctions, and even a psychic gallery reading with people's choice award winner Allison James. We will end the event with a special ghost hunting class and investigation at the theatre for an additional \$25. This event is a fundraiser for the Historic Mounds Theatre. An all-day pass to the Mounds Paracon is \$20.

Speaking schedule for Mounds Paracon:

#### Saturday May 3, 10:00am-7:30pm

10:00 am: Andrea Drea  
 10:45 am: Craig R. Lang  
 11:30 am: Dawnette Springer Cook and Tamara Springer Gleason  
 12:00: lunch break  
 1:00 pm: Sarah "Harmon" Soderlund  
 1:00-3:00 pm: Alison James Gallery Reading (extra ticket needed)  
 1:45 pm: Debra Nicholson  
 2:30 pm: Bryan M. Dorn  
 3:15 pm: Vic Nylund's Viktor the Mind-blowing Hypnotist show  
 4:30 pm: Scotty Roberts

5:15 pm: Alison James  
 6:00 pm: Josh  
 6:45 pm: John Savage  
 7:30-9:00 pm: dinner break  
 Vendors stay open until 8:00 pm  
 9:00 pm-1:30am: Ghost hunt (\$25 per person/limit of 25 participants).

#### The Mid-Life Crisis of Jesse Lee

"The Mid-Life Crisis of Jesse Lee" chronicles the adjustments a 60-year old man makes to remain vital sexually. On a Friday night at his apartment, with his best friend of 40 years and his favorite call girl, he bears his soul to them about his childhood, his prodigal son, his failures, and triumphs.

A play not for the faint of heart, "The Mid Life Crisis of Jesse Lee" is a brutally honest, provocative look at how time waits for no one.

Written and directed by Paul Mabon as Jesse Lee, featuring Shari Stautinger-Heath, with photography, and images by James Jayce Hulbert.

Recommended for mature audiences due to explicit language and nudity. Running time is 90 minutes.

Performances are **Friday, May 16 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, May 18 at 7:30 pm**. Tickets are \$20.

Visit [www.moundstheatre.org](http://www.moundstheatre.org) for more details and to buy advance tickets for both events. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road. 651-772-2253.

### Mounds Park United Methodist Church

MPUMC release

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is located at 1049 Euclid Street, at the corner of Earl and Euclid.

#### Sunday Mornings:

Adult Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 am. Kids' and Youth Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 am. Worship Service: 10:30-11:30 am. Coffee, juice and treats: 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

**Community Dinner and Movie Night:** Saturday, May 17 in the church hall. 4:30 pm board games; 5:15 pm free dinner; 6:00-8:00 pm movie (TBA) with free popcorn and lemonade. Concessions also available.

**Neighborhood BBQ:** Saturday, May 3, 4:00-7:00 pm on the church lawn. (We will be inside in case of bad weather.) All are invited. Hot dogs, drinks, and sides provided. Bring a dish to share or just come to visit with your neighbors. There will be a bounce house and other activities for kids, and sno-cones. The police and fire departments may make an appearance. Urban CROSS staff will be on hand to help you fill out your work requests (see item below).

Contact MPUMC at 651-774-8736 or [secretarympumc@yahoo.com](mailto:secretarympumc@yahoo.com).

### Urban CROSS seeks yard/home projects

It's that time of year again! Time for Urban CROSS. Urban CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Service in St. Paul) is a ministry of Mounds Park United Methodist Church.

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.

We 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."

If you would like our help, please go to our website and fill out a form. **The deadline for requests is May 15.**

Urban CROSS is also in need of donations. We always need tools, supplies, paint, painting equipment, printing, staff t-shirts, food for the



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teams/staff, and even scholarships for youth to come and to join us. To make a financial donation, contact Mounds Park Church at 651-774-8736.

For more information about Urban CROSS, contact MPUMC Youth Director Eric Buck at 612-559-2369 or [urbancross.stpaul@gmail.com](mailto:urbancross.stpaul@gmail.com), or visit [moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html](http://moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html).

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[www.dbnhs.org](http://www.dbnhs.org)



### Ever think, "Someone should do something..."? You ARE someone...in Dayton's Bluff.

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

**Board of Directors:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month, 7:00 pm

**Land Use Committee:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month, 7:00 pm

**Equity Committee:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, 6:30 pm

**Vacant Building Committee:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, 6:30 pm

**Arts and Cultures Committee:**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday each month, 6:30 pm

Ask about our **Marketing, Greenspace, and Outreach Committees.**

Meeting times may vary from this schedule.  
 Call 651-772-2075 to confirm, and for more information.

## ECFE Rummage sale April 26 to support community children and families

*Daniela Bell  
ECFE Advisory Board*

As parents and members of the community know, the early experiences of children with learning can have lasting effects. St. Paul's school district has a program that addresses the needs of the earliest learners in our community – starting at birth – as well as their parents or caregivers. That program is Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). In the ECFE program, children are learning the skills that will help them in school and in life. But parents and caregivers are also learners at ECFE: they learn the skills necessary to help their children in their endeavors, as well as a variety of skills for parenting in general.

In keeping with the notion that learning in these young children is done in collaboration with parents, the Advisory Council at Dayton's Bluff ECFE is deeply invested in supporting these efforts. This year, the Advisory Council is holding a rummage sale and community fair to benefit the program but also to bring together the larger community of Dayton's Bluff and the East Side to benefit from the gently used children's books, children's clothing, and toys that are donated by families in the program. The community fair will include a variety of organizations committed to working with families and children on the East Side. The rummage sale will be on **April 26 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm** and the community fair will run from **11:00 am-3:00 pm**. Both the sale and fair will be at Dayton's Bluff Recreation Center, 800 Conway Street.

ECFE is dedicated to strengthening families as a whole. Dayton's Bluff ECFE is committed to including members from all parts of our community—there are Spanish language classes and literacy classes, but all classes reflect the racial and socioeconomic diversity of our neighborhood. If you are interested in Dayton's Bluff ECFE, please visit <http://ecfe.spps.org> or the Advisory Council's (of Dayton's Bluff ECFE)

Facebook page.

If you are looking for that next great toy, book, or the next cutest outfit for your kid, your grandkid, your niece, nephew, your neighbor's new baby, be sure to stop by and check out the sale.

Are you reading this after April 26? Come meet members of Dayton's Bluff ECFE on **Saturday, May 18, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**, at Dayton's Bluff Rec Center, 800 Conway Street in Dayton's Bluff. Or visit ECFE at [www.ecfe.spps.org](http://www.ecfe.spps.org).

## GRAN VENTA DE LA COMUNIDAD, PARA LA COMUNIDAD

El Consejo Consultivo del Dayton's Bluff Programa Familiar Educación Prescolar tendrá un gran venta de garaje en el día de **Sabado, 26 de Abril** en el Rec Center de Dayton's Bluff, 800 Conway Street. La venta sigue de las **8:00 de la mañana hasta las 4:00 de la tarde**. El Consejo Consultivo vendrá ropa de bebés y niños y libros para niños, y juguetes en condición bueno. También va a ser otros organizaciones de la comunidad quien sirven niños y familias en nuestra comunidad. ¡El Consejo Consultivo de la Programa Familiar Educación Prescolar espera que nos vemos allí!

La venta es el gran recaudación de fondos para el Consejo Consultivo del Dayton's Bluff Programa Familiar Educación Prescolar. El Consejo recauda fondos para ayuda la programa en comprar materiales nuevos para los niños y para la educación de los padres también. La programa en Dayton's Bluff tiene clases en Español. Por favor sigue al <http://ecfe.spps.org> para más información.

Eres leyendo después del 26 de Abril? Puedes visitar con miembros del Dayton's Bluff Programa Familiar Educación Prescolar en el día de **sabado, 18 de Mayo, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**.

## Hamm's hosts Minnesota market and crowdfunding event May 3

*Jennifer Herman  
Forum board*

Do you love to buy locally-made products and support Minnesota entrepreneurs? Are you a fan of crowdfunding efforts to support the little guy? Is it important for you to meet the folks making the things you purchase? You need to visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual HAMMS (Help A Minnesota Maker Succeed) Event, **Saturday May 3, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**, at the old Hamm's Brewery Shipping Docks. There will be 25,000 square feet of products for men, women, and their dogs – yes, it's a dog friendly event! Food vendors and food trucks will be on site and you will be able to sample local wines and brews, so plan to spend the whole day. The best part is that the ticket sales for the event, up to \$5,000, will be donated to a lucky vendor selected at the end of the day! What a great way to help an entrepreneur take their business to the next level! For more information or to purchase advance tickets, visit [www.hammseven.com](http://www.hammseven.com). Tickets are also available at the door, so get out and shop local at the HAMMS Minnesota Market on May 3!



## East Sider brings triathlon home

*Jennifer Herman, Forum board*

When Trudy Marshall came from Arizona to visit her friend's new home in the Battle Creek neighborhood, she fell in love with Minnesota and St. Paul's East Side. In 1997 she and her husband Jerry MacNeil bought a house here, becoming full-fledged East Siders. Another of Trudy's passions is triathlons – but she doesn't compete in them; she promotes them. Since 2005, Trudy has been organizing the Best of the U.S. Amateur Triathlete Competition. This unique organization focuses on spotlighting amateur athletes: everyday folks who want to make a triathlon part of their busy lives. Top qualifiers from qualifying triathlon events in each of the 50 states come together annually for a championship triathlon competition hosted by Best of the U.S. This championship event has had a nomadic past, taking place in a variety of states (one year even coming as close as Excelsior, Minnesota) but Trudy has always longed to bring the competition home to the East Side. This summer, her dream comes true in a big way as the East Side becomes the permanent home for the annual Best of the U.S. Championship. On **Sunday, June 22**,

triathlon competitors will bike along Dayton's Bluff's Phalen Corridor, and swim in and run around our beloved Lake Phalen. Trudy is excited to show off her neighborhood to athletes and spectators from around the country and she is thrilled for folks on the East Side to have a chance to see and participate in a triathlon. She also hopes that planting this annual championship in our wonderfully diverse neighborhood will be an important step toward attracting a more ethnically-diverse group of triathlete participants. East Siders and folks from the surrounding area are invited to participate in a Best of the U.S. Sprint, an abbreviated triathlon for local athletes, on the day of the championship event. Interested athletes should visit [www.bestoftheussprint.com](http://www.bestoftheussprint.com) for detailed registration information. Not an experienced triathlete? Grab a buddy and take advantage of the Crossfit 5885 registration and training package.

East Siders, show your pride on June 22! Register to compete, come out and cheer on the champions and local athletes, or become one of the many local businesses supporting this exciting new event in our neighborhood!

## Metro State to offer new Master's program

Metropolitan State University is proud to announce that the M.S. degree program in Alcohol and Drug Counseling was fully approved by MNSCU earlier this month. This is the twelfth master's degree for Metro State and the first to be offered by the Human Services Department. We are deeply grateful for this opportunity to continue our commitment to developing an excellent counselor workforce who competently minister to those in our communities affected by addiction. Information regarding the application process will be available once it goes live on our website. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make this possible!



## St. Paul recycling goes "all in"

As of April 7, 2014:

Single sort recycling – Put all of your recyclable materials into one bin or collection cart - separating is no longer required!

More plastics accepted – Most #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7 food and beverage containers are accepted as of April 7. In addition to plastic bottles, yogurt, butter and produce containers, transparent deli and "to go" containers can be recycled with St. Paul's residential recycling program.

Organics drop-off locations available – As of April, source-separated organics will be accepted at each St. Paul Ramsey County Yard Waste Site locations during regular site hours. For more information, search "composting" at [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov).



## Spring is Here!

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**Dayton's Bluff Seniors' spaghetti dinner May 17**

The third annual Dayton's Bluff Seniors' spaghetti dinner and silent auction will be held on **Saturday, May 17 at 5:00 pm** at 463 Maria Avenue, in the First Lutheran Church education building. Dayton's Bluff Seniors Living at Home/Block Nurse Program helps seniors continue living in their own home as long as they can.

The event will include live entertainment; auction items include gift certificates and other items from local businesses. 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.

**East Side Family Clinic wins Circle of Mothers grant**

*WSCHS release*

West Side Community Health Services, Inc. ("West Side") is pleased to announce it has received a \$9,375 grant from the Minnesota Chapter of the March of Dimes Foundation for its Circle of Mothers (COM) group prenatal care program. West Side will use part of these funds to expand the program to its East Side Family Clinic (895 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street) site by the end of December 2014.

COM was developed specifically for West Side's unique patient population by its nurse midwifery staff, and is intended to better provide West Side's prenatal patients with high levels of access; cultural and linguistic competency; supportive services, such as social work; and linkage to community resources for expecting and parenting families.

According to Grace Grinnager, West Side's COM Coordinator/Facilitator, "One of the most important facets of COM is the connections women make with one another. Not only do women ask questions and learn from one another's experiences, they also form friendships that can last after the group ends. The camaraderie women form throughout the program goes hand in hand with our learning goals for each session. We want participants to leave COM with a stronger social network, ready to transition into motherhood with confidence."

West Side provides comprehensive health care and social services with bilingual/bicultural staff on a sliding fee scale. More information at [www.westsidchs.org](http://www.westsidchs.org).

**Hmong-Lao veterans memorial nearly a reality**

*Foung Hawj, Minnesota State Senator*

The proposed Hmong-Lao Veterans Memorial has been on a long journey. Plans for a memorial were first suggested nearly a decade ago. Finally, after overcoming numerous setbacks, the fundraising goal of \$150,000 was met just last weekend. I was proud to be there during the final gift presentation that made the tally official. Both the House and Governor have included the \$450,000 bonding request in their recommendations, and I am hoping the Senate's version (SF 651) will include it as well.

The Hmong-Lao Veterans Memorial is not only the first of its kind in Minnesota; it symbolizes the right to be here in Minnesota and is designed to be all-inclusive, representing six different groups of people who fought during the war. This symbol is long overdue, and it's my hope we can finish it soon before even more veterans who served in the war are gone. Many first-generation soldiers who came to America after the war have already left us; it's important to the Hmong and Lao people to show them our respect before it's too late.

The Minnesota Hmong-Lao Veterans Memorial Committee should be commended for their years of hard work. The site for the future memorial is ready and waiting, just south of the Vietnam Memorial among the Capitol grounds in St. Paul. The required money has been raised for the cost of the memorial, and the only thing we wait for now is to be included in the bonding bill.

This is great news for many in our community!

**East Side Freedom Library: A new life for a neighborhood institution**

*special to the Forum*

The Arlington Hills Library on Greenbrier Street has been an important place for generations of East Siders. A Carnegie Library (built with money donated by Andrew Carnegie), its spacious great room has welcomed readers and learners of all ages since it opened in 1917. On March 14, 2014, this branch of the St. Paul Public Library system closed, and its collections and staff are moving three blocks to the new Arlington Hills Community Center at Payne and Maryland. The historic building will soon re-open as a new neighborhood institution, the East Side Freedom Library (ESFL).

Beth Cleary and Peter Rachleff, two Macalester professors who have made Dayton's Bluff their home for fifteen years, have created the East Side Freedom Library, a non-profit corporation. They are supported by a diverse board of directors which includes neighborhood residents, educators, writers, and union activists. The ESFL's team of advisors is expert in the preservation and renovation of historic buildings and the management of non-profits. The new entity is in a strategic alliance that includes the Minnesota Historical Society, the Minnesota Humanities

Center, the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, Metro State's Institute for Community Engagement and Scholarship, and the University of Minnesota's Immigration History Research Center. Rachleff and Cleary are also working closely with the St. Paul Public Schools and the Public Library System.

The ESFL will maintain a close relationship with the city, leasing the building for 15 years, after which ESFL will have an option to purchase it. All the expenses of restoring, preserving, and renovating the building, as well as all utilities, maintenance, and programming costs, will be the responsibility of the ESFL.

Cleary and Rachleff see their project in three parts: first, being responsible stewards of a building which is vital to the neighborhood and the city; second, assembling and organizing a rich body of collections which will focus on labor, immigration, and African American history and the ways that the arts have been used to tell the stories of people from those communities; and third, developing programs which use these collections to inform and inspire learners young and old, especially on the East Side, to understand their own communi-

ties' histories and to appreciate the histories of their neighbors.

All three of these parts of the ESFL project will depend on the participation, involvement, and support of a wide range of community residents. The first stage in caring for the building is the replacement of the roof, which must happen before another winter sets in. This has been estimated at \$70,000 by an experienced local roofing company. Cleary and Rachleff will soon announce a grassroots-based fundraising campaign to help "raise the roof" on this project.

The collections, which may be used on-site but will not be available for circulation, will include the founders' extensive personal libraries and their collection of African diasporic visual art and music. Fred Ho, a prominent Chinese-American jazz composer and musician, has donated his entire collection of books, materials, and recordings. Cleary and Rachleff are in conversation with Marlin Heise, the founder of the Hmong Archives, about incorporating that rich collection of documents, material objects, and art into the ESFL. Other scholars have offered books and materials.

Neighborhood residents and organizations will also be invited to provide records and materials – and participate in oral history

interviews – that can, over the years, enrich the collections. Rachleff and Cleary will curate the collections, and no donations will be accepted until 2015.

On this solid foundation of the building and the collections, the ESFL founders intend to develop a range of programs including: the mentoring of neighborhood students undertaking History Day projects; helping neighborhood students with college and scholarship applications; teaching young people (and others) to conduct oral history interviews with neighborhood residents; offering workshops in poetry, writing, and story-telling, and creating events where neighborhood residents listen to each others' stories; displaying art and providing workshops which analyze that art. There will also be lecture and speakers series on labor, immigration, East Side history and cultures, and other topics.

Cleary and Rachleff hope to create a lively new institution in an important historic building. They have ambitious dreams: to build bridges between the diverse groups of people who call the East Side home, and to raise the wider community's appreciation of the past, present, and future of the East Side.

*Cleary and Rachleff intend to open the East Side Freedom Library for limited programming in the fall of 2014. If you have questions or ideas – or if you would like to volunteer to help in this project – please email [eastsidefreedomlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:eastsidefreedomlibrary@gmail.com) or call 651-774-8687.*

**Oops!**

*The photo at right ran in our April issue, with an error in the caption.*

**Correction:** Swede Hollow Café owner Ruth Campbell, left, is pictured with house managers Helen Lindberg (center) and Shirley Yang.

*The Forum regrets the error.*



# Refreshed Centromex Supermercado an oasis of fresh foods in Dayton's Bluff

by Diane May, local artist and community advocate

The new owners of the Centromex Supermercado, Rosa and Henry Garnica, were too "shy" for me to take their photograph, so they asked me to photograph the outside of their business instead. They bought the Centromex six months ago, and wanted the neighborhood to know that it is under "new management, lighter, and clean" with a wide array of fresh fruits and vegetables.

And what a variety of produce it is! We can no longer say that Dayton's Bluff is a fresh fruit and vegetable desert with the Centromex offering all it does. Cilantro, limes, oranges, tomatillos, and 3 different chili peppers kick off the start of the wall of produce. Rosa helped by giving me the Spanish equivalent for the

rest of the aisle's offerings: *ajo* (garlic), *aguacate* (avocado), *yerbabuena* (mint), *jitomate* (tomato), *nopal* (cactus leaves), *ejote* (green beans), *calabacita* (a soft zucchini), *papa* (potatoes), *zanahoria* (carrots), and *cebolla blanca y amarilla* (white and yellow onions).

Then came a vegetable I had never seen before. Rosa and I trekked over to the medicine counter for an explanation from Henry. "It's a *chayote*," he said. "A zuc-



Above: Centromex Supermercado, now under new ownership, is located at 816 East 7th Street, at the corner of Arcade and 7th Streets.

chini you use in soup." "Oh! OK," from me, and then back to the produce section to look at the fresh corn, radishes, cabbage, and lettuce.

On the tiered shelf above the wall of vegetables, I saw both green and red salsas and apples. Across the aisle and away from the refrigeration there was fresh pineapple, coconut, bananas, and two different kinds of mangoes. Next to that table of fruits was a very large grouping of dried offerings including chiles, tamarinds,

and corn husks. Finishing that side of the aisle was a three-wall unit display of Mexican spices that I can't even begin to tell you in this space what it all contained. I did make a mental note that there was a large bag of dried bay leaves I will probably pick up in the future...and pumpkin seeds.

Henry wanted me to mention that they sell fresh meat such as chicken, pork, and tilapia. He also mentioned they increased the dairy and cheese offerings when they took over the store.

In the future, Henry would like to add a café in the back of the store. It's not that large of a space, but a few café tables would fit very nicely, and I could easily envision his future goal.

Plus, Rosa and Henry are committed people; they shared with me that have been married for 25 years.

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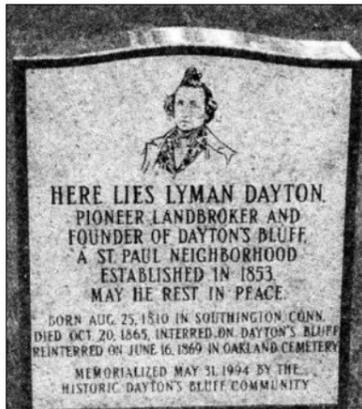
History corner

# Memorial Day memories

Steve Trimble, Forum historian

Memorial Day is on Monday, May 26 this year. The holiday, originally called "Decoration Day," was first observed in St. Paul on May 30, 1870 when local Civil War survivors decorated the graves of around 60 deceased Union soldiers, mostly in Oakland Cemetery.

There are many former residents of our neighborhood who are buried in Oakland. Lyman Dayton is there, although that wasn't always the case. When he died in



Gravestone of Lyman Dayton

1865, as sometimes was done in those days on large estates, he was laid to rest on his grounds near today's Conway and Maria. When the land was sold for a house, his remains were placed in an unmarked grave in Oakland Cemetery. Then, in 1995, the Dayton's Bluff Community Council raised funds and purchased a headstone for his grave. Anyone interested in putting some Memorial Day flowers by the headstone of the person who gave this community its name?

One of the more interesting soldiers buried in Oakland Cemetery in 1871 was Nathaniel McLean. He was born in New Jersey in 1787 and moved to Ohio where he was elected to three terms in that state's Legislature. Then it was off to Minnesota in 1849, the same year as Lyman and Maria Dayton. He published one of the first newspapers in St. Paul, successfully dabbled in real estate, and served as Ramsey County Commissioner.

His soldiering happened long before the arrival in Minnesota. He served as a First Lieutenant in the Ohio Militia during the War of 1812, and is possibly the only combatant from that conflict to be buried at Oakland. There was once a McLean township in today's Mounds Park area, and McLean Street is named for him. He and his wife Hester had 11 children. One early writer described him as a "tall, slender gentleman, a little lame in his older years, rapid talker, a truthful, honest, good man."

Another soldier, a member of the Dayton's Bluff Burger family – no, not Warren – is also interred in Oakland Cemetery. Joseph Burger rose to become a captain in Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Minnesota, but it was as a teenage private that he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for action on February 15, 1863 at Nolensville, Tennessee. His citation reads that he "was one of a detachment of 16 men who heroically defended a wagon train against the attack of 125 cavalry, repulsed the attack, and saved the train."

After the war, Burger came to Minnesota and lived in Dayton's Bluff. He bought the empty McLean School at 695 Conway Street, added to it, and made a home for his and his son's family. And until his early adult life, that was where Warren Burger, his grandson, lived, later becoming Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

There are others from our neighborhood that are also buried at Oakland;

enough that someone – not me – should develop a Dayton's Bluff history walking tour in Oakland Cemetery. To name a few: William Hamm and his son William Jr. – the one who was kidnapped in the 1930s – who were owners of the Hamm's Brewery; Frederick Knauff, a prominent German-born grocer, real estate dealer and member of the Minnesota Territorial Legislature; and Samuel Mayall, a lawyer and a leader in the Anti-Monopoly Party, who once lived in a mansion on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street where today's Dellwood Gardens is located.

Of course, not all of the Dayton's Bluff residents who had a plot in the cemetery were prominent. One of them Prussian-born Joseph Arth, was listed in the 1860 census as a "day laborer." He and his wife came to St. Paul in 1857 and built a house at 700 Plum Street. While they were not part of the community's upper crust, a newspaper commented in an article on the couple's golden anniversary, "they provided for their children properly, which although not constituting great wealth, was sufficient for their advancement."

Since this column started out with the first Decoration Day and veterans, I would be remiss if I didn't mention an interesting woman who should be remembered on Memorial Day. Her name is Mary Colter.

She was born elsewhere, but raised in St. Paul, graduated from Central High School and attended California School of Design in San Francisco. She returned to Minnesota and was a highly-regarded teacher of arts and crafts at Mechanic Arts High School for 15 years. She lived in Dayton's Bluff for a time, but did leave St. Paul. Fred Harvey of Harvey House fame asked her to start designing 21 of his railroad and tourist area projects.

Colter is now remembered as "the architect of the Southwest" for her rough-hewn designs, combining Spanish and Native American influences in a modern manner. Her five structures on the south rim of the Grand Canyon and buildings below are most well-known; however, Colter considered La Posada her masterpiece. When it was closed by the Santa Fe railroad in 1957 she remarked, "there is such a thing a living too long." Mary Elizabeth Colter died shortly afterward in 1958, and her body was sent back to St. Paul where she now rests in a small family plot. Like the others in this article, she deserves to be remembered and to have her grave decorated on May 26.



Mary Colter

# Turning lives around: 180 Degrees

Mark Gallagher  
Forum editorial assistant

The mission of 180 Degrees is turning lives around to ensure safer communities. It was the brainchild of Robbie Robertson, a former inmate of the Minnesota prison system.

180 Degrees works with a wide range of clients in order to help them receive the services and community support necessary for them to turn their lives around.

180 Degrees was incorporated in 1971 and opened the doors to its first halfway house in Minneapolis in 1973. They are in their 41<sup>st</sup> year of serving adults but have served juveniles for nearly two decades.

"We work with kids who are on probation or come in contact with the criminal justice system, to help them find a different path." CEO Dick Gardell says. "We work with young kids who have human service, health, and child protection issues to help them stay in school, manage their behavior problems, and become successful members of our community."

The East Side campus of 180 Degrees, at 1301 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, opened in December of 2011. The building houses a mental health clinic, an evening learning center, and a mentoring program; plus, it is the future home of a chemical health clinic. In addition, the campus has an outside therapeutic garden to help clients to grow and connect to the community.

"The mental health and the chemical health clinics are open to the public," Gardell says. "Anyone can walk in at any time and say they need some help. We are going to provide assistance as best we can where appropriate." Some of the other programs require referrals in order to participate; that is done purposefully so as not to mix populations.

"We are developing a building we affectionately call *The Barn*," Gardell says. "It is a large pole barn that was used to store lumber, but a substantial portion of it is being converted into a vocational training center that will house a wood shop and home economics kinds of things. Dayton's Bluff received authorization to start a community radio station that will be placing its radio

antenna and locating a studio in our vocational training center. We look forward to working with the station; it will be a great opportunity for our kids to learn the radio industry."

The anchor of the campus will be a youth center that is being built right now. The second floor will house a shelter for girls and women who have been victims of the sex-traffic industry. "The shelter will serve girls, ages 10 to 17, who are in need of protection from a predator, in need of a place to heal, and in

need of a place to make contacts in the community," Gardell says. "The center will build that community of support so those girls can break free of the horrible situation they are in and become productive members of society."

180 Degrees has all kinds of alumni programs. If you're an alumnus and have been working at a job for a while, come back and see if 180 Degrees can enhance your job situation.

"We engage our alumni and try to make them feel connected," Gardell says. "Certainly for our young people, we try to stay connected through their high school diploma, at least. A high school diploma is so important to the success of the individual."

Sia Lo, board member and Administrator of Dellwood Gardens, tells of a time when he was at a 180 Degrees fundraiser for the youth center. "Our speaker was this astronaut who tells his story of hope and perseverance. He got into all kinds of trouble and was headed down the wrong path, but he was able to find the ability to overcome obstacles through his tenacity. He became a NASA pilot. He turned his life around because he never gave up and there were people in his life who helped push him in the right direction."

Sia Lo was sought out by 180 Degrees to diversify their board. He says, "I think one of the functions of the youth center of 180 Degrees is to be a lighthouse. Youth that are lost and out there need help, and 180 Degrees is that lighthouse for those young people."

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Above: Part of the facade of 180 Degrees, at 1301 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

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**Siblings carry on family gourmet tradition at Otro Cocina on Payne Avenue**

*Jose Luis Morales  
Dayton's Bluff resident  
Adapted from the  
Twin Cities Daily Planet*

Miguel Linares and his sister Maria "Piti" Capouch inherited their father's philosophy and gourmet Mexican recipes. Now their Otro Cocina Mexican restaurant features both.

"[Otro Cocina] is a museum of fine dining. It is culinary art, a way of presenting our culture through food. Otra Cocina is not only tacos or burritos. Our food is a rich wealth of flavors to the palate," the duo says.

Otra Cocina opened in January, though it has not yet had an official grand opening. Winter specialties include soups, such as mushroom, pumpkin, pumpkin flower, Tlalpeño,

pasta, and lentil. Tortilla soup, Xochilt Budin, and Mexican salad are some of the most popular dishes. Flan is prepared by professional flan specialist Bradley Capouch. Seasonal and holiday specials are also available.

"We inherited the philosophy of consistency from our father (Juan Linares, the best banquet chef in Mexico who once served Pope John Paul II)," Linares and Capouch say. "[He] said that if it was possible to do something good once, you had to be able to do it the same way always. The recipes we inherited have not changed."

Otro Cocina is located at 1193 Payne Avenue and is open Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, and Saturdays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. For more information, visit [www.otrococina.com](http://www.otrococina.com).

**180 Degrees receives \$50k grant for trafficked youth**

*Women's Foundation of Minnesota*

180 Degrees, located at 1301 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street (see article, page 7), has received a \$50,000 grant from the Women's Foundation of Minnesota to hire a housing and services director to supervise programming at their new 12-bed therapeutic housing facility for trafficked youth. The program is scheduled to open in August, 2014.

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota is a statewide community foundation that invests in social change to achieve equality for all women and girls in Minnesota. The Foundation makes grants, conducts and reports research, advocates public policy, builds women's philanthropy, and educates the public about the successes and challenges of Minnesota's women and girls. Founded in 1983, it is the oldest statewide women's foundation in the country.

The organization has awarded 13 grants totaling \$405,000 and extended two grants from last year's cohort through its MN Girls Are Not For Sale Fund. The fund is a five-year, \$5 million campaign to end the sex trafficking of Minnesota girls through grantmaking, research, and public education.

Over the next year, grantees will educate and lobby for policies that support sex trafficked youth, implement sustainable housing and services, and implement protocols and practices for law enforcement and the judicial system. More at [wfmn.org](http://wfmn.org).

**Happy birthday, Sofia!**



Morales family

Sofia Morales, daughter of Dayton's Bluff residents Kelly Lundeen and José Morales, celebrated her first birthday on Saturday, March 5.

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