

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour to feature Dayton's Bluff homes

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Forum Staff

The annual Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour will be held on **Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 30, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** During the home tour, residents in both Minneapolis and St. Paul open their homes to the public to showcase the great things about city living.

Each year, Dayton's Bluff has five to eight homes on the tour. The tour also shows off many of the great features of our neighborhood: the bluff itself, overlooking Downtown and the Mississippi River, Metro State University, the parks, the business community, and the outstanding housing options in Dayton's Bluff.

The Dayton's Bluff homes on the tour this year include 433 Johnson Parkway, 954 Wakefield Avenue, 700 East Third Street, 866 Mound Street, 672 Greenbrier Street, and 845 Conway Street.

On **Sunday April 30 only**, 170 Maria Avenue will

be open to visitors. This beautiful Georgian Revival home was designed by Thomas Holyoke and built for Albert and Wilhelmina (Minnie) Hamm Koehler. Minnie wanted to have a large yard for gardening. Minnie's siblings built their homes near their parents Theodore and Louise Hamm, and the Hamm's Brewery. Albert died in 1916, and Minnie was listed in the city directory as living in the house until she died in 1951. In the mid 1950s, the house was home to the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of St. Paul. This order of cloistered nuns wears sandals, not shoes. In the early 1960s, it became a headquarters for Alcoholics Anonymous. Today it is called the White House and Northwestern Alano. They have held meetings and offered other services for their clients for over 50 years.

The Minneapolis and St. Paul Home Tour brochures can be picked up at the Dayton's Bluff Library on East 7th Street, Arlington Hills Library on Payne Avenue, or any Saint Paul Public Library. The Dayton's Bluff leg of the tour will offer a brochure of all six Dayton's Bluff homes featured on the tour that can be picked up at any of the homes during tour hours. Many people come on the tour year after year. Visitors to our neighborhood enjoy the variety of homes, the parks, the neighborhoods and the people they meet in the homes. Some of the visitors like it so well that they move into

the neighborhood!

For more information on the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour, visit [msphometour.com](http://msphometour.com).

For more information about the Dayton's Bluff tour or to volunteer to help with the tour.



Karin DuPaul

**Dayton's Bluff Home Tour Coordinator Karin DuPaul, with Michel Taylor, owner of one of the homes on this year's tour. Taylor received an Award of Recognition from the Saint Paul Heritage Preservation Commission and the Saint Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for the wonderful work she has done on her beautiful home.**



Leah Bowe

A small exhibit of Anishinaabe culture featuring a jingle dress, a child's cradleboard, a birch bark pail, a traditional lacrosse stick, and several children's books. On display at the American Indian Magnet School, 1075 East Third Street, St. Paul.

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## Cabaret! – a success!

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Local all-star talent graced the Historic Mounds Theatre stage on Friday, March 3. The non-profit organization, the Friends of Swede Hollow, put on their *5th Annual East Side's Got Talent Cabaret* to raise money for the *8th Annual Art in the Hollow* day-long art and music festival held each summer.

The night was hosted by three entertaining talent show judges. Mike Grealish, Vice President of the Friends of Swede Hollow, was sporting his signature cowboy hat and played himself as the judge "Swede Hollow Mike." Dr. Stefan Pomrenke is a local physician who works at the East Side Clinic on East Seventh Street. Dr. Pomrenke played Hatheway Berkshire, a sharp-dressed, money-loving judge. Kathy Korum, Assistant Director of the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Department, played Sister Mary Margaret Conway, a quick-witted nun who judges talent as a representative of the Holy Father in heaven.

The first act of the night was Mr. Thomas Draskovic, a teacher at the American Indian Magnet School on East Third Street. He performed original rock music influenced by his recent personal experiences and reflections of his visit to Standing Rock Reservation. The magician the Great Brodini mystified the audience with his sleight of hand card tricks. Victoria Borgeson's funny puns and witty banter had the audience laughing as she educated them about her good old polka playing in-

strument from Scandinavia called the Nyckleharpa.

Niece and uncle duo, Shara Garding and Paul Garding, played incredible folk tunes at the beginning of the night while people filed in, plating up pasta and salad, donated by Yarusso Bros. family restaurant. Paul and Shara Garding ended up winning the talent contest, as well as closing down the night with more outstanding folk tunes after the winners of the silent auction were announced and people filed out of the old vaudeville theater at the end of the night.

The Friends of Swede Hollow are pleased with the event's turnout and thank all attendees and participants for their help in raising money for the *8th Annual Art in the Hollow* music and art festival. On **Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, artists will set up booths along the trail of Swede Hollow Park. Performing artists will grace the Swede Hollow stage, and historians will be sharing stories from Swede Hollow's rich past as an immigrant community in the Nineteenth and Twentieth centuries.

Additional donations for the summer art festival will be greatly appreciated. The Friends of Swede Hollow are still looking to enlist more artists to participate. If you or someone you know has art to sell, the *Art in the Hollow* festival offers a very reasonable entrance fee for artists. It is only \$15 dollars to set up shop for the day! For visual and performing artist registration sign up, and more information about *Art in the Hollow 2017* visit [artinthehollow.org](http://artinthehollow.org) or contact Karin DuPaul at 651-776-0550 or [karindupaul@comcast.net](mailto:karindupaul@comcast.net).

## Where in Dayton's Bluff?

More chances to win great local prizes!

Tell us where in Dayton's Bluff the photo on page 8 was taken. Send your guess to [editor@daytonsbluff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbluff.org). The first correct entry will win a great prize from a local business!

## Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the **second Saturday** of most months, the Dayton's Bluff Take-a-Hike will begin at Indian Mounds Park, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, at **10:30 a.m.**

The next hike will be on **Saturday, April 8**. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Heritage Park, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email [karindupaul@comcast.net](mailto:karindupaul@comcast.net) or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

## Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meetings on **Wednesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m.** Email [karin@swedehollow.org](mailto:karin@swedehollow.org) or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting's location.

## Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking help with writing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, April 6, at 1:00 p.m.**, at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street). Call 651-776-0550 or email [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org) for more information.

## Police Community Meetings

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

The next meetings are on **Wednesday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.** Meetings are intended as a time to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, April 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, join family, friends, and neighbors for the 31st Annual Citywide Spring Cleanup!

Each year, hundreds of volunteers gather across Saint Paul to help with the Citywide Spring Cleanup, picking up trash in neighborhoods and parks.

To register online, visit [www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/parks](http://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/parks) or call 651-632-2411. Bags, gloves, and snacks are provided. Meet up with your neighbors at one of the East Side sites to pick up supplies: Swede Hollow Park at the intersection of Greenbrier Street and Margaret Street or the Phalen Picnic Pavilion at 1600 Phalen Drive. Then head out to clean up the park or neighborhood of your choice. All ages and mobility levels are welcome!

## SNAP Food Program at CLUES (Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio)

¿Necesita más comida saludable para la familia? El programa SNAP le puede

ayudar. SNAP proporciona fondos para alimentos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

Aún si no es ciudadano, si tiene hijos nacidos en este país ellos podrían calificar. Participar en el programa SNAP no afectará su estatus migratorio.

¡Llame a CLUES para saber si califica! 612-746-3500. Nuestro personal bilingüe puede facilitar el proceso para usted y su familia.

Need more healthy food for your family? The SNAP program provides funds for low-income families to buy food. Even if you are not a citizen, your children born in this country could qualify. Participation in the SNAP program won't affect their immigration status.

Call CLUES to find out if you qualify at 612-746-3500. Our bilingual staff can facilitate the process for you and your family.

## Twin Cities Mobile Market

The Twin Cities Mobile Market is a grocery store on wheels that brings affordable, healthy food directly into under-resourced neighborhoods. The Mobile Market stops at Parkway Gardens Apartments, located at 1145 Hudson Road, on **Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



THE HISTORIC  
MOUNDS  
THEATRE

**Saturday, April 8: Independent Wrestling International (IWI). Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Bell is at 7:30 p.m.** Come early to get the best seats! Tickets available at the door and online. Tickets: VIP table seat (includes one complimentary concession item) - \$20; Adult - \$10; Children - \$6; Family 4 pack - \$30.

Visit [moundstheatre.org](http://moundstheatre.org) for more information on these and other events not listed here, and to purchase tickets as they become available. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; [historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com).

## April at the Dayton's Bluff Library

While the Saint Paul Public Schools are closed for spring break **the week of April 3**, the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library will be offering special afternoon events for students! The following events will be held at the Dayton's Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

**Tuesday, April 4, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.:** *Maker Break—Create a Japanese Zen Garden!* Learn about the art of Zen gardening with artist Jeanette Dickinson. Build your own Japanese Zen garden using a variety of miniature objects including stones, sand, and small model greenery.

**Wednesday, April 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.:** *Spring Break Maker Space!* The Saturday *FunZONE* comes a little early with computer games like Minecraft, hands-on fun in the Zone.

**Thursday, April 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.:** *Flower-Making with Mai!* Now you can learn to make the paper flowers you have admired at the Dayton's Bluff Library's circulation

desk! Library Associate Mai Ge Vang gives step-by-step instructions to create colorful tissue blooms to brighten your day!

Email [daytonsbuffbookclub@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbuffbookclub@gmail.com) for more information, or call 651-793-1699.

For information about these and other events check [spl.org](http://spl.org) or call 651-793-1699. The Dayton's Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## April at the East Side Freedom Library

**Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.**, the East Side Freedom Library invites you to enjoy a free screening of the film *Struggles in Steel*.

In the wake of the 2016 election, there has been much attention paid to the impact of plant closings and economic dislocation on white workers.

This 1996 documentary digs deeply into the impact of such forces on African American workers. Viewing this film may generate discussion about the ways that all workers have been affected by the loss of jobs due to capital flight, automation, and the export of jobs.

After the screening, Ward 6 (located at 858 Payne Avenue) invites you to enjoy happy hour pricing on drinks (\$4 draft beers, selected wines, and rail drinks) in the great tradition of labor fellowship and solidarity.

The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1150 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email [info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](mailto:info@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org), or visit [eastsidefreedomlibrary.org](http://eastsidefreedomlibrary.org) for details on these and other upcoming events as they become available.

## Business Classes

The Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side. Classes last eight weeks and include operations management, marketing, financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor.

Those who successfully complete the course and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods are eligible for ongoing business support services.

The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. There is a small registration fee based on a sliding scale. Class size is limited. Call Emma Spillman at 651-379-8432.

## Dayton's Bluff Gardeners!

Join a diverse group of gardeners by reserving a plot today at beautiful Skidmore Park Community Garden! Located at 1085 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, plots come in two sizes: 40 square feet and 64 square feet for a fee of \$20 per year.

Applications and Garden Rules are available at the Skidmore Park Community Garden Facebook page or by visiting <http://bit.ly/bDQR17>.

Submit applications by mail to John Barbie at the address provided on the application. One application per household – applications must be received no later than **April 8, 2017**. To receive a garden plot assignment, you must attend orientation at Skidmore Park Communi-

ty Garden on **April 10, at 6:00 p.m.**

Contact John Barbie at 651-260-0005 or [johnbarbie@hotmail.com](mailto:johnbarbie@hotmail.com), or Jennifer Herman at [jennifer.herman7@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.herman7@gmail.com) for more information.

## East Side Elders presents Elder Cafe: Amy & Adams

**Thursday, April 13, from noon to 2:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran Church, 463 Maria Avenue, St. Paul. East Side Elders presents *Elder Cafe: Amy & Adams*.

For more than two decades, *Amy & Adams* has entertained and touched folks in Minnesota, the Midwest, and beyond.

*Amy & Adams* shares an upbeat Eclectic/FolkRock/TinPanAlley/Blues-Grass musical blend. In addition to their original songs, great tunes from the 1920s through today are accompanied by guitars, ukuleles, mandolin, keyboard, flutes, and stunning harmonies that will bring a song to your lips and a hop to your step.

Call 651-683-2326 to make a reservation or to request a ride. Elder Cafe cannot guarantee a meal without a reservation. Admission is free for seniors age 60 and over; all other guests are invited to make a suggested donation of \$10. This event is presented in partnership between East Side Elders and First Lutheran Church of Dayton's Bluff.

## Become a Lifeguard!

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is hiring lifeguards for the 2017 season. Positions available at Battle Creek Waterworks water park and the county's five guarded swimming beaches. All positions are full-time throughout the aquatics season, beginning Saturday, June 10. Submit a Lifeguard Interest Form online at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/departments/economic-growth-and-community-investment/parks-recreation/lifeguard-interest-form>. Recreation staff will then follow up on the next steps. Interest forms are due by **April 15**.

Ramsey County lifeguards must be certified prior to employment. Parks & Recreation is offering a three-day certification course this winter for applicants who do not hold a current certification. The course will run **from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., April 21-23**. Class fee is \$100. Completion of the course does not guarantee employment with Ramsey County.

## Tracking Wildlife with the Lower Phalen Creek Project

**Saturday, April 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**, join the Lower Phalen Creek Project along with the Minnesota Wildlife Tracking Project to learn about local wildlife and plant environments at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary. There will be several tracking stations providing information on ways to use your senses to locate natural signals in nature. Humans have learned survival skills by watching animals for thousands of years. All ages are welcome. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Visit [www.lowerphalencreek.org](http://www.lowerphalencreek.org).

**Mounds Park United Methodist Church**

1049 Euclid Street (corner of Earl and Euclid); 651-774-8736  
**Mounds Park United Methodist on Facebook**

Mounds Park United Methodist Church is a multicultural neighborhood congregation located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton's Bluff. **Sunday worship starts at 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday is April 16** – come and help form the Great Easter Celebration as we explore the power of Resurrection and the promise of new life! Bring your questions and openly explore your faith within a community of respect and openness. All are invited!

**Weekly in April:** *After-School Program for area youth*, sponsored by McVay Youth Partnership of Hamline University. This is an after-school program for all community youth grades, 5-12, at Mounds Park Church from **3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** of each week, offering cooking classes, games, homework help, field trips, and help learning English. Contact Jane Krentz at 612-581-6978 for more information.

**Saturday, April 15:** Beginning at **2:00 p.m.** at Indian Mounds Regional Park South Shelter, located at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard, there will be treats, games, and the Easter Egg Hunt all across the park – meet at the Shelter to begin the hunt! This event is especially for children up to grade 5 and their parents or guardians.

**Saturday, April 22:** Community Rummage Sale! From **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, join Mounds Park United Methodist Church for the annual rummage sale including lunch and a bake sale. A variety of items will be available, including an entire room dedicated to clothing, shoes, and other accessories. Come early to get the best finds! The kitchen will be open with soup for sale for lunch and the women circles of the church will be busy baking making goods for the bake sale. Donations of clothing, household items, and more are welcome to be dropped off at the church during office hours **Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting April 3.** Donations of furniture or electronics such as TVs, computers, or stereos, will not be accepted. If you have any questions about donations, please call the church office 651-774-8736 for more information.

**Wednesday, April 26:** Beginning at **noon**, *Community Friendship gathering with hot lunch*. Enjoy a hot lunch of tilapia or chicken breast, green beans and new potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert. Following the meal, The Mellow Fellows, a 3M Men's Chorus of 20 men, will present a program of great music! This is a community gathering – ALL are invited to come; the focus is on persons age 55 and over. A donation of \$8.00 is suggested.

**Looking for some help with a home project around your place this June?** Urban CROSS will have teams ready to help local residents and non-profits with projects such as indoor and outdoor painting, yard work, gardening, landscaping, simple construction, and cleanup. You may submit your request by calling the church office at 651-774-8736 or mailing in a form available on our website: [www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html](http://www.moundsparkumc.org/urbancross.html). Our deadline for project submission is **May 15.**

**2nd Annual Union Job and Resource Fair at the East Side Freedom Library**

*Peter Rachleff  
 East Side Freedom Library*

Last spring, job seekers from the East Side and greater St. Paul crowded into the East Side Freedom Library to encounter dozens of union employers and resources at the first Union Job and Resource Fair.

This year, the event returns with a new line-up of employers and resources offering jobs, training opportunities, and helpful information. The second annual Union Job and Resource Fair will be held on **Thursday, April 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier Street, St. Paul.

Employers will be hiring for union positions in such fields as construction, manufacturing, government, school building custodial, food service work, healthcare, hospitality, and retail. Union representatives will be on hand to discuss “earn-while-you-learn” high-quality, paid vocational training opportunities and to answer questions. Information will be available on the advantages of union membership, neighborhood and national union history, and record expungement. The event is designed not only for ready-to-hire job seekers, but for young people exploring how to build their career paths in the future and even people wondering: “What is a union? What do they do?” People who speak many languages will be available to greet and interpret at the event. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend.

This event is organized each year by the Saint Paul Regional Labor Federation, the Saint Paul Building & Construction Trades, the City of St. Paul, United Food

& Commercial Workers Local 1189, and the East Side Freedom Library.

“It’s empowering for everyone to learn about the hard-won advantages of union work in this country,” says Thay Sai Htoo, an interpreter at the 2016 fair who will volunteer again this year.

“Unions built the American middle class, and a union job remains the best way for working people to secure livable wages and decent health and retirement benefits,” says Bobby Kasper, President of the 50,000-member Saint Paul Regional Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. “As a labor movement, we need to raise awareness about the value of a union contract, especially among immigrant communities and young workers. This job fair is an exciting opportunity to extend our outreach and build new relationships on the East Side, and we’re proud to be a part of it.”

For more information about the Union Job and Resource Fair, please contact: Prof. Peter Rachleff, East Side Freedom Library, 651-230-3294, [rachleff@macalester.edu](mailto:rachleff@macalester.edu) or Vicki Beebe, St. Paul Labor Studies and Resource Center, 651-846-9320, [vbeebe@stpaulunions.org](mailto:vbeebe@stpaulunions.org).

About the East Side Freedom Library: The mission of the East Side Freedom Library (ESFL) is to inspire solidarity, to advocate for justice, and to work toward equity for all. The library houses non-circulating research collections that appeal to interested general learners as well as scholars, with innovative databases and finding aids that make using the collections fun and vital. Story is a major theme of the ESFL, and the telling and gathering of stories, through formal interviews, workshops, and small-scale public performances, will allow local residents and the interested public to learn more about the work and residential histories of the East Side.

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**East Side Freedom Library named winner of John Sessions Memorial Award**

*Leighann Wood  
Special to the Forum*

The East Side Freedom Library was selected as the 2017 winner of the John Sessions Memorial Award. The award, sponsored by the Department for Professional Employees AFL-CIO, recognizes a library or library system which has made a significant effort to work with the labor community. By doing so, it has brought recognition to the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of the United States.

The mission of the East Side Freedom Library is "to inspire solidarity, advocate for justice, and work toward equity for all." As an independent library located in the Payne-Phalen neighborhood of St. Paul, Minn., the ESFL has successfully built relationships with organized labor and community groups that facilitate the empowerment, learning, and engagement of working people.

Since the library was established in 2013, co-founders Peter Rachleff and

Beth Cleary have secured a permanent home in a former Carnegie Library, built a collection of 15,000 items, and hosted more than one hundred programs and 6,000 visitors.

Multiple letters from local and regional labor unions glowingly attest to the library's leadership in raising awareness of the centrality of workers, immigrants, and the labor movement to the past, present and future of the East Side, Twin Cities, and Minnesota, as well as being a "valuable resource and reliable ally," "a place where diverse audiences assemble, hold conversations, and explore shared concerns," "an important extension of the local labor movement," and repeatedly, a "partner."

The John Sessions Memorial Award committee includes: Aliqae Geraci (Chair), Hilary Meg Albert, and Phebe L. Dickson.

The East Side Freedom Library will be honored with a plaque at the RUSA Achievement Awards ceremony at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The ceremony will be held from **5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sunday, June 25**. All conference attendees are invited to the event. Additional event details will be available on the conference website in April.



Photo courtesy of Senator Foug Hawj

On March 1, a successful committee hearing was held for the East Side Enterprise Center in the Jobs Committee. There was an overwhelming amount of support in the committee for the bill. Senator Hawj was pleased that many neighbors showed up in the committee hearing. The bill grants \$2,000,000 to East Side Enterprise Center (ESEC) to expand culturally tailored resources that address small business growth and job creation.

**Community Meals**

*Pastor Carl Johnson  
Faith to the Nations*

I remember as a teenager, our family gatherings around the table. We would invite neighbors, family, coworkers, and friends. My mother would cook a big meal and we would always have leftovers. As a pastor, I have seen the decline of such meals in homes and in communities. We have a vision to abolish food insecurity – we are Faith to the Nations Dinner Church, and want to impact Dayton's Bluff. We organize, fund,

and throw banquet style meals for the neighborhood. We have a message of faith but our main concern is to get to know the stories of our neighbors around a table. We are currently hosting dinner dinners at the Mounds Theatre, our next dinner is April 18. We are here to uplift our neighborhood. We have a specific motive and it is to feed and help people.

We want you to be a part of what we are doing. If you eat alone, you don't have to anymore. If you run out of food, we want help you eat. If you have nowhere to eat, we want you to join our table. Our mission is to bring unity to the whole neighborhood. Contact us at [info@faithtothenations.com](mailto:info@faithtothenations.com).

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**Dayton's Bluff**  
**RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE**  
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**Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Clothes \$7 per bag  
Household items as marked  
No early sales!

## How to build community – in challenging times

Jane Prince and East Side Neighbors

When we held our East Side Interfaith/Intercultural Community Meal in December, Dayton's Bluff Community Council President Pa Chua Vang, led the 250 or so of our diverse neighbors in a conversation. At each table, the diners were asked to answer two questions and to record their responses. It was such a simple process – and it yielded an amazing consensus from people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds, religions, and neighborhoods.

Framed by apprehensions about our new government in Washington, the first question asked, "What are your biggest concerns?" Whether from a new immigrant, the parents of public school kids, a millennial bicycling enthusiast, a small business owner or employee, or a retired lifelong East Side elder, the concerns that neighbors shared about our challenging times were remarkably similar.

**Neighborhood safety.** We're all concerned about keeping our neighborhoods and schools safe, and

making them even safer. Some of us, elders and immigrants, talked about fear of being targeted by, or of being isolated from our community. There are the concerns we share about the achievement gap and the need for living wage jobs. Election year rhetoric raised fears in all of us about threats to health care and the social safety net, about race or ethnic-based hate crimes, and about cuts to funding for parks, schools, and housing.

In a child's handwriting were the words, "Do not call people ISIS." Our East African and Muslim neighbors have been most unreasonably targeted by hate speech and made to feel unwelcome.

In expressing their concerns, our neighbors who gathered also conveyed the message, "We want and need leaders," including people of color and those of diverse cultures and backgrounds, who will help us come together and understand each other, build community, and help us overcome our fears and anxiety.

The second question that Pa Chua asked those gathered was, "What commitment will you make to our community?" These responses and ideas are exciting, creative, and inspiring enough to be designed into a neighborhood poster! Sharing meals together with people from other cultures and religions, say hello to our neighbors, stand up for each other and

for what is right, ask for help if I feel threatened or harassed, speak out for freedom, work together to ensure no child falls through the cracks, learn from each other, stand together, learn how other people live, hold our elected officials accountable, spend a day with a person or family from a culture other than your own, and stay involved!

These commitments pledged by our neighbors are *priceless*. How about if we each start today – to commit to do at least one thing on this list each and every day. Add some ideas of your own and grow this list. Get the whole family involved. Share the list with a friend or neighbor – or a person you don't even know. Post it on the fridge!

We live in challenging times. But those of us living on the East Side understand that our strength is our wonderful, dynamic and diverse community. There is no time like the present to reach out to each other and to new neighbors to forge stronger connections to make our community safe and welcoming. Each of us, whether a kid or an elder, can be a leader on our block, in our building, in our classroom, at our job – each of us committing to love our neighbor.

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## Student Salon 2017: A new art exhibit at Gordon Parks Gallery

Poh Lin Khoo  
Metropolitan State University

Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery presents *Student Salon 2017*, featuring multimedia works produced by Metropolitan State students, enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs.

From cast metal sculptures to black and white photography, this exhibit surveys the diverse form and content explored in class and beyond. This year's exhibition features work produced by three Studio Arts majors: Hannah Gray, Saint Paul; Kimber Starnes, Saint Paul; and Bryan Starry, Minneapolis.

"Some of the work was created in the classroom as part of standard assignments. Other pieces were executed beyond the university as part of the students' individual interests," said Erica Rasmussen, gallery director. "Whatever the inspiration, it's a pleasure for me to share the culmination of their artistic pursuits with the university community."

The exhibit opens with a reception from **5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 23**, and continues through **April 14**. Gallery hours are **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday**, and **11:00 a.m. to 4:00**

**p.m., Fridays**. The gallery is located in the Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, at the university's Saint Paul Campus.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Erica Rasmussen, gallery director, at 651-793-1631 or e-mail her at [erica.rasmussen@metrostate.edu](mailto:erica.rasmussen@metrostate.edu).

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Sculpture by Bryan Starry, on view at Gordon Parks Gallery, Metropolitan State University.

## I am a Woman Photos and stories from Mary Sue Englund

Krissy Schoenfelder  
Landmark Center

Minnesota native, Mary Sue Englund is the author of *I am a Woman*, the companion book to her song of the same name. Landmark Center is excited to host an exhibition featuring photography and excerpts from the book. The exhibit opens in Landmark Center's North Gallery on **March 30**, with a reception from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**, and a special performance from Englund herself. It runs through **April 15**.

The book and its exhibition share the stories of amazing women: some famous, some who quietly changed lives behind the scenes, and some who climbed their own mountains, faced their fears, chased their dreams and became heroines of their times. Englund believes every woman needs to celebrate her own unique gifts. *I am a Woman* honors the women we love and the women we aspire to be, and it speaks to the wonders of being a woman. Whether fighting an illness, struggling through loss, making a life change, or watching their children grow, Englund hopes that *I am a Woman* reminds women of all ages of their own grace and courage.

"I am proud to be a woman and I am proud to be included in this wonderful book of inspirational women. I hope to always be an inspiration not only to other women but to the world," wrote country music legend, and one of the women featured in the book and the exhibit, Dolly Parton.

In addition to the book, Englund started a gifting program, donating *I am a Woman* books to hospitals and

organizations serving women. "I find great joy in placing this book in the hands of a woman who needs encouragement and inspiration," she explained.

Award-winning singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, Mary Sue Englund has graced the stage of the Grand Ole Opry for more than a dozen years. She currently tours around the world with country music divas Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan, playing piano, violin, guitar and singing harmony. A passionate tunesmith, Englund has penned four full-length albums to date, and is finishing her fifth. Flavored with lyrical folk rock, country, and Americana essences, "Joyful Noise and Songs for the Soul" will be released in late spring of 2017. *I am a Woman* is published by Jane's Parade Books, a new division of Minnesota's own Afton Press.



Mary Sue Englund

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## East Side Eating – Trimble's Taste Trek

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every locally-owned, sit-down restaurant on the East Side. He hopes to get the word out to Dayton's Bluff about the eating options here on our side of town.

There are more restaurants than there is room for in the monthly paper, but at least 59 may now be found online at [daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org](http://daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org): click on "East Side Eating" at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at [editor@daytonsbuff.org](mailto:editor@daytonsbuff.org).

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I had been to El Guanaco Bakery several times before, buying Salvadorian treats for some of my get-togethers, but a few months ago I came in and found out that the business was going to expand into the new space that was available. The start-up business has been open for about three months. It was time to make a visit and add their new eatery to our list of East Side Eating.

In the main room there are four large booths that could easily sit six people each, and a long table that had ten chairs around it sitting on a wood floor. It was well-lighted and freshly painted. There were some decorations on wall shelves. In the back there were nice color photos of the people working in the restaurant and a medium-sized flat-screen TV that was tuned into a soccer match with Spanish audio.

Across the west wall there was a large glassed-in display case filled with a large variety of Salvadorian bakery goods made in-house. There are also two ten-foot upholstered benches that people can use.

I went through a doorway on the east side of the establishment into what had

earlier been the original bakery. It is now an additional seating area that is decorated in a manner similar to the new main room. There were three booths and six tables, and a large flag of El Salvador on the wall.

The current menu is fairly small, but includes Tamales de Pollo (with chicken), Tamales de Elote (with corn), Yuca Frita con Chicharon (fried yuca with fried pork). The yuca, a vegetable, is used to roll up the pork and is sometimes called cassava. The word "frita" means the dish is deep fried. Yuca Frita con Pescadas means the yuca is stuffed with fish and deep fried.

They serve desayunos (breakfast) as well. They offer Huevo Revuelto (scrambled eggs) with green pepper and onions. Actually, you can have eggs prepared any way you want. Sides include beans, cheese, sour cream, aguacate (avocado), and tortillas. On weekends they will have soups; beef soup, beef feet soup, and chicken soup.

I had two pupusas with beans and cheese accompanied with the traditional spicy shredded cabbage. I wetted my lips with a pineapple flavored Jarritos brand soda. The label stated "natural flavor soda with real sugar." There is no alcohol, but there are plenty of soft drinks available. I noted one that said grape soda and had a label notice that said it contained 0% grapes.

The owners of the new cafe are Oscar and Dolores Murcia. Their original bakery was small with only a couple of tables, so they jumped at the chance to increase the space that allowed them to also have a sit-down restaurant. Opening business has been good according to Oscar, who had worked at restaurants before in El Salvador and the United States.

While eating, I noticed a hot sauce I hadn't seen before. The table had a small bottle of hot sauce called "Cry Baby Craig." It said that it was handcrafted in Minneapolis and had been "Bawlin' since 2012." When I saw that the paper wrapper showed a person crying red tears, I decided it was likely too hot for my taste buds. Maybe a reader can report on their reaction to "Cry Baby Craig."

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Steve Trimble

El Guanaco Bakery & Cafe, located at 849 East Seventh Street, St. Paul.

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## Some new members of the Dayton's Bluff Hall of Fame

Steve Trimble  
Forum Historian

In the February *Forum*, I wrote about several people who I thought deserved to be included in a virtual Hall of Fame for Dayton's Bluff. They were being added to a list put together in the neighborhood newspaper in 2007. There was not a lot of room in the February issue, and I decided to develop a history walk on the Lower Bluff for March – Women's History Month – hope you enjoyed it.

There are six new people and a longer write-up of one other featured below. If you have any suggestions for people who should be considered for inclusion in the area Hall of Fame, please send them in. By the way, if you want to look at the initial Bluff Hall of Fame, go to [daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org](http://daytonsbuffdistrictforum.org), click on "Past Issues" and you will find it in the December 2007 issue.

**Joan Davis:** Born Josephine Davis in 1912, she became a well-known radio and television figure. Her family lived for many years at 275 Bates Avenue and Joan entered Mechanic Arts High School in 1926. She was on the academic honors list, was part of the debate team, and was an excellent musician. She loved being a performer starting as a girl, and had a career that spanned vaudeville, film, radio, and television. She is best remembered for the 1950s television comedy *I Married Joan*, that ran in the 1950s.



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*I Married Joan* promotional image.

Joan Davis has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. One was for her contribution to the motion picture industry and the other for her radio work.

**Karin DuPaul:** Karin DuPaul was born in South Dakota and moved with her family to St. Paul, graduating from Wilson High School. In 1977, she and her husband Rich bought the old William Hamm house on Greenbrier Street and she has become an expert on the history of the Hamm family and their brewery.

DuPaul was a long-time community organizer for the Dayton's Bluff Community Council. She was instrumental in saving the land for the Upper Swede Hollow Park and working with other groups to develop the larger Swede Hollow Park. She founded the Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Association. Among other things, Karin is a founder of the East Side Elders, and a long-time board member of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* newspaper. She is still active in the community, sponsoring the annual Swede Hollow Art Fair – *Art in the Hollow*, and the annual *Cabaret!* at the Historic Mounds Theatre.

**Wayne Eddy:** Wayne Eddy was a successful businessman and well-known radio and television personality. He lived in several Dayton's Bluff locations during the 50s and 60s, including in the back of the old Rocco's Grocery Store at 4th and Forest Streets. He was a 1960 graduate of Harding High School and is part of its Hall of Fame. He was a champion of hometown radio for more than 40 years. Starting in 1964, he was a radio and television station owner.

The St. Paul native and Brown Institute graduate found his real niche in 1968, when he started a daytime AM station in Northfield. He was owner and morning host for 34 years. He is a member of the Minnesota Broadcasters Hall of Fame and was also elected to the Minnesota Softball Hall of Fame.

**Vera Gammon:** Vera Mabel Gammon, born in 1895, was often called "Minnesota's Helen Keller." As a young child living at 964 Reaney Avenue, she lost her hearing and sight. Her parents enrolled her in the Minnesota Academy for the Deaf in Faribault in 1907, and she made incredible progress. She learned to sign (in her hand) ball and two other words – a feat that usually took other similar children several months to master. She learned to thread needles and make clothes for her dolls and had a remarkable sense of smell, knowing people by their aromas. Soon, she could write long essays on a typewriter. Vera wrote to Helen Keller, asking for help and guidance. When Keller visited the Twin Cities in 1914 she had a lengthy visit with Vera, leaving her "full of confidence."

Vera lived with her mother on Reaney most of the rest of her life, enjoying reading Braille and winning State Fair ribbons for her knitting.

**Albert "Obb" Johnsen:** Albert Johnsen opened a grocery and feed store back in 1919, when farmers came to town on a road in front of his building and might have bought agricultural goods on their way back. It is unclear whether or not they might have tipped a glass there as well. Albert got his nickname "Obbs" from a child who regularly mispronounced his first name. The family lived in a house near the restaurant at 260 Clarence Street, Obb's Sports Bar & Grill, one of the first ten bars in St. Paul to be licensed after the repeal of Prohibition. When the avid sportsman retired, his sons Bob and Glenn took over. Aside from a short span, it has remained in family hands. The fifth

generation is now working at the expanded spot.

**Emil Ulrici:** Emil Ulrici was an architect who once lived in Dayton's Bluff at 619 North Street. He designed a number of structures in the neighborhood, including the Adolph and Anna Muench house at 653 East Fifth, a Queen Anne on the National Register of Historic Places. He also designed Dr. Ohage's house in Irvine Park, the C.S.P.S. Hall on West Seventh Street, and the Pioneer Building downtown. One source suggests that he worked in St. Paul for less than ten years.

Ulrici was active in civic life. In 1883, he was the librarian for the Turner Society, a German gymnastic association, and in 1887 designed the ornamental work on the Fire King's Chariot for the Winter Carnival float.

**Emmett Yanez:** Emmett Yanez came to St. Paul with his family from Texas. He lived for a time on the West Side and then at 618 East Fourth Street in a home shared with his six brothers and four sisters in a small Mexican-American community in the area under and around the Third Street Bridge. He left school to enlist in World War II. He returned to St. Paul and worked for the city for most of his life. He started the Mexican-American Boxing Club in the 1950s that served East Side and West Side boys. When he married Natalie, they lived at 1042 Wilson Avenue in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood.



Steve Trimble

Emmett Yanez

Yanez coached boxers for more than 50 years and finally retired at the age of ninety-two. He developed many Golden Gloves champions and a few successful St. Paul professional boxers.

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## A little bit of history

David Lyons  
Special to the Forum

There is a small iron door at the base of the chimney in our basement, covered with multiple layers of paint, which has caught my eye from time-to-time. One evening this fall when I was putzing around looking for something to do, I decided to strip the paint off it and see how it might turn out. With the help of stripping solutions and a wire brush, I uncovered the bare cast iron and was pleasantly surprised to find it in pristine shape. After an Internet search, I found that the manufacturer – Stowell Foundry in So. Milwaukee – dates back to the mid-Nineteenth Century, during the heyday of the industrial revolution of the Midwest. It closed in the 1960s, in the early days of deindustrialization in the Rustbelt.

Our house was built in 1912, and if I let my mind wander backwards...this small door was probably cast at about the same time as the hull of the Titanic and some of the armaments that were used in WWI. The ore may well have come from the Mesabi Iron Range, which had only come into production about 15 years earlier. This was also during the peak of the last

and largest wave of European immigration, so who knows – the mining and foundry workers may well have been newcomers to the U.S. from Slovenia, Finland, or Bohemia.

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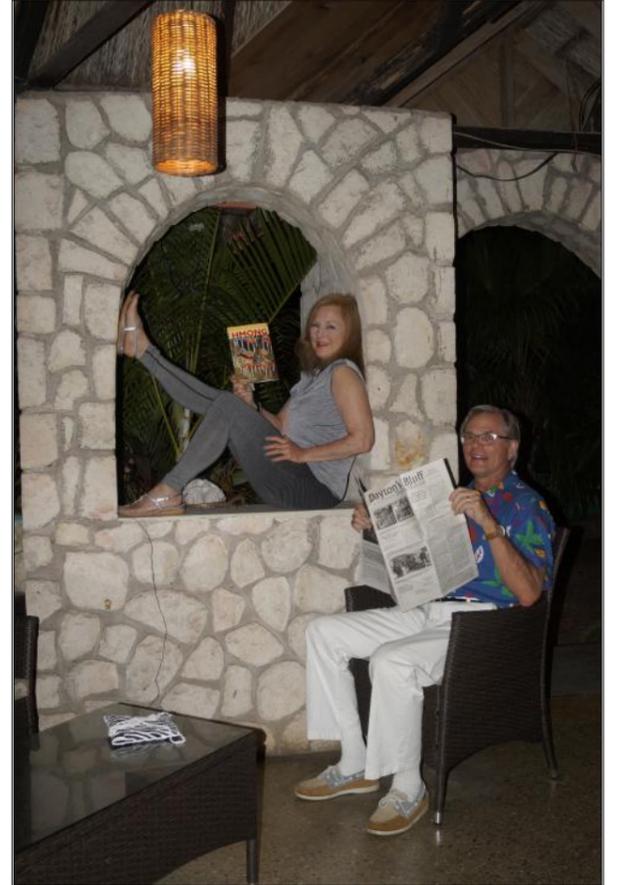
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Congratulations to Dane Johnson, winner of the March contest with his correct guess of the location in the photo: Dayton's Bluff Saint Paul Public Library.

