Hay! Have you heard? Cambric garden is flourishing

Marilyn McGriff
Special to the Forum

Residents in the Cambric Apartments on East 7th Street are proving that gardening is not just for homeowners with big back yards. A “back yard” plot for the Cambric is on North Street just across Seventh from the main entrance to the apartment building.

Milan Mockovak, an avid gardener for over 60 years, sought permission from the city of Saint Paul to utilize the vacant lot for a gardening adventure. The city agreed but with the caveat that there was to be no digging in the ground. That was fine with Milan because he and the group of potential gardeners from among the Cambric tenants are in agreement that they prefer raised beds. Not only do they offer a more comfortable height for gardening, each bed can also be an individualized garden.

Soon a pile of compost, another of wood chips, and a stack of hay bales appeared on the back of the lot. Then, on May 24, Tony Sjogren from Rebuilding Together – Twin Cities, arrived with a crew, lumber, and power tools, and within a few hours several raised beds had been built. The work that day was featured on Channel Five’s EyeWitness News.

Once the beds were filled with compost, the Cambric residents began planting. A number of seedlings that had been started in the Cambric’s solarium were transplanted to the outdoor beds. Other residents bought bedding plants from local garden stores.

Milan is a firm believer in using copious quantities of mulch to both reduce (or eliminate) the need for weeding and to keep plants from drying out – thus, the hay bales, which he bought with a donation supplied by the Frattalone Companies. Frattalone’s also donated a load of black dirt. The hay serves another purpose as well – to demonstrate hay bale gardening, a technique Milan has used frequently. The bales are arranged end to end to form a rectangle. The open area is filled with loose hay and some soil. The “bed” is then planted, and more hay is applied around each plant. The intact bales around the perimeter serve as convenient seats for the gardener.

A final step in turning the vacant lot into a productive venture occurred on Monday, June 12. Another crew from Rebuilding Together – Twin Cities, spread wood chips in the aisles between the raised beds. They also used up the remaining hay to cover areas that would normally need to be mowed. Under the direction of Tony Sjogren, they built another bed and filled the hay bale beds with soil and hay. A small plot for herbs was also established. This crew of eight young people was from Old St. Patrick’s Church in Chicago’s West Loop. They were in the Twin Cities as part of a youth work tour.

The Cambric garden has drawn positive support from the neighborhood. Sandy Anderson, who lives next door to the garden, is offering water in exchange for a few vegetables. Her son, Camren, will mow the small patch of grass next to the sidewalk.

As residents of Dayton’s Bluff, the gardeners are proud to be productive members of the community. Their enthusiasm indicates that the garden is a growing enterprise. As one gardener put it, “I now have something to look forward to when I get up in the morning.” Another likes the idea of being a small part of the local food movement. “Doing something positive in the midst of a lot of negativity is a good thing,” voiced a third participant.

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It was mayhem in Indian Mounds Park on Thursday, June 8, as the English battled the French on St. Crispin’s Day in an outdoor production of William Shakespeare’s Henry V. Spoiler alert: The English won. The play was presented by the Cromulent Shakespeare Company which puts on plays in various parks around the Twin Cities every summer.
Dayton’s Bluff Take-a-Hike

On the second Saturday of most months, 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 hike will begin on Saturday, July 8. The hike is approximately one and a half to two hours long and will end at Swede Hollow Park or East Side Hollow Pond, depending on the desire of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindupaul@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information and the meeting’s location.

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.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the history of Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 6, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that meetings are now on Thursday, Email karin@swaded hollow.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, editing, online content, idea generation, and ad sales. Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, July 6, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe (725 E. 7th St. Street). Call 651-776-0550 for more information or e-mail karindupaul@daytonbluff.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, July 19, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended as a time to listen and to address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

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.

If you are not a citizen, your children nacidos en este país ellos podrían cali ficarse. Participar en el programa SNAP proporciona fondos para alimen tos que benefician a familias de escasos recursos.

July at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

The following events will be held at the Dayton’s Bluff library, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul:

July 3: Open Mic night — Hosted by Wildwood Bar
July 4: Children’s Summer Reading Program
July 5: Independence Day Celebration
July 6: All About Nature — Planting Native Seeds
July 7: Poetry Reading
July 8: Story Time
July 9: Game Night
July 10: Kids’ Craft
July 11: Family Jams
July 12: Kids’ Games
July 13: Teen Writing Group
July 14: Teen Dance Party
July 15: Teen Story Time
July 16: Teen Tech Skills
July 17: Teen Homework Help
July 18: Teen Tournament Games
July 19: Teen Movie Night
July 20: Teen Georgia Chat
July 21: Teen Writing Group
July 22: Teen Dance Party
July 23: Teen Homework Help
July 24: Teen Tech Skills
July 25: Teen Movie Night
July 26: Teen Georgia Chat
July 27: Teen Writing Group
July 28: Teen Dance Party
July 29: Teen Homework Help
July 30: Teen Tech Skills
July 31: Teen Movie Night

There will be plenty of laughs at the Dayton’s Bluff library on Wednesdays this July, thanks to Summer Spark, the summer reading and activities program offered by the Saint Paul Public Library. The library will be hosting: Wednesday, July 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., The Brodman’s Comedy Magic Show; Wednesday, July 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mixed Nuts, Kids’ Comedy; Wednesday, July 19, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Bruce the Bug Guy. More information about Summer Spark is online at appl.org/summer.

Check out open game nights at the library! The Metro State library now has a board game collection available to the library visitors. You play the games in the library or check them out for two weeks. The collection contains everything from family classics like Battle of the Century to contemporary card games like Carcassonne and Settlers of Catan. The full list of games can be viewed at http://bit.ly/MetroGames and all are available to the public. Every Third Tuesday, the Library holds Game Night, an event with free console games, board and card games, snacks, and fun for all. Game Night will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event is located in the first floor student lounge of the Metro State Library.

Just for teens: This year’s Summer Spark invites teens to read their choice of books (a list of possible titles is available), rate them, and earn entries in a drawing to win a Nintendo Switch and games! This teen-exclusive prize will be awarded at the end of the summer.

For information about these and other events check sppl.org or call 651-793-6900. The Dayton’s Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

July at the East Side Freedom Library

Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m., Sing Harmony, Hungry Hearts! Gather together to use your voice to sing your truth and welcome others at the ESFL’s monthly song circle. Come to sing with your neighbors.

Thursday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m., the ESFL invites you to enjoy a free screening of the film Brothers on the Line. Victor Reuther’s grandson, Sasha, hosts documentary film about roles played by the Reuther brothers in the formation and development of the United Auto Workers Union. After the film and discussion, Ward 6 (858 Payne Avenue) invites you to enjoy happy hour pricing on drinks ($4 for draft, $5 for select wines, 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, or visit eastsidefreedomlibrary.org for details on these and any upcoming events as they become available.

Urban pollutant event

On Saturday, July 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., join the Lower Phalen Creek Project to celebrate, learn, and get involved with pollutants at a lo cal urban wild park! There will be activities for all ages including pollinator garden tours, planting, art projects, bee workshops, and more. Learn how to start pollinator projects at home and school. Pollinator-inspired products will be for sale, and additional materials will be available from a selection of food trucks. See you at Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary!

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 will receive a certificate. Local and federal government programs that help start-ups may also be available for eligible businesses.

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 Spellman at 651-379-8432.

Roaming Rec at Indian Mounds Park

Roaming Rec runs through August 14, on Mondays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Indian Mounds Park. Roaming Rec is a free summer youth program offering outdoor games, arts and crafts, and other recreation activities at parks and other locations around Saint Paul. Snacks will be served at each session. For more information, call 651-292-6508.

Be a tourist in your own city

Take a free Saint Paul walking tour

Now through September, Landmark Center guides will lead three different walking tours in the city. Tours are free and operate on a rotating schedule, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

The second Wednesday of each month, the Rice Park walking tour of Landmark Center’s Visitor Information Desk. The tour circles one of Saint Paul’s most iconic spots, and stops to enjoy a bite to eat.

The third Wednesday of each month, the Heart of the City tour de parts from inside Landmark Center’s North Lobby (6th Street entrance). This tour highlights the history and current meaning of some of the most famous landmarks and influential buildings in Saint Paul’s history, including the Hamm Building and Mickey’s Dinner.

Finally, the Great River rise tour begins at Upper Landing Park (Shepard Road and Eagle Parkway) and walks along the mighty Mississippi, highlighting some of the most significant buildings and locations that helped Saint Paul the city it is today. This tour runs on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

All tours are FREE, operate June through September, and begin at 10:00 a.m. Participants are required and open on a rolling basis, four weeks prior to each tour date. For more information or to make a reserva tion please call 651-292-3063 or visit www.landmarkcenter.org/visit/walking-tours.html.
Create Positive Change: Run for Mississippi Market’s Board!

Help improve access to healthful, local foods and create a more just, equitable food system

Matt Frank
Mississippi Market

Interested in expanding your impact, improving access to healthful foods, and creating a more equitable local food system? Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op is once again seeking candidates to run for their board of directors. In accordance with the seven internationally recognized cooperative principles, Mississippi Market is run by democratic member control. This is an exciting opportunity for co-op member-owners to serve the community while shaping the co-op’s collective future. The board of directors sets policy and governance parameters, monitors co-op performance, and acts as the decision-making body for important issues such as the overall strategic direction of the co-op.

Board member diversity remains a top priority. Diversity of skills, mindsets, experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives matter for a stronger decision-making body and ensures the board is representative of the communities the co-op serves. By consisting of diverse and culturally agile directors, the board can continue creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive atmosphere for all who shop, work, or do business with your name and mailing address. We will contact the US Postal Service on your behalf.

If you do not live within the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood but enjoy reading the Forum, you can pick up a copy at many neighborhood locations, including the Dayton’s Bluff Community Council office at 804 Margaret Street, or email editor@daytonbluff.org to have the Forum mailed to your home for a yearly fee of $15.

Are you receiving your copy of the Forum each month?

If you live in the Dayton’s Bluff neighborhood, you should receive your copy of the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum within the first week of each month. If you fear you have missed delivery, please email editor@daytonbluff.org along with your name and mailing address. We will contact the US Postal Service on your behalf.

Youth organization hands over leadership roles to those it once served

Connor Unger
The Lift

The Lift continues its mission of building young leaders on the East Side by hiring four longtime program participants to spearhead the same job and life-skills training programs they graduated from. Alec Alinis, Christopher Kirkwood Jr., Teli Veamatahau, and Cortez Warren have each been through The Lift’s youth programs over the years, and recently completed their time as paid interns at The Lift, where they’ve closely worked with staff to develop their leadership abilities. Now, as program managers, they will take over the planning and implementation of The Lift’s elementary and high school programs, which are set to relaunch this fall, as well as The Lift’s job-skills training program at the Plaza Theater.

“I feel honored to be a part of the growth and development of our students,” said Cortez. “I truly believe The Lift’s lessons in social and emotional awareness will help them navigate through life with confidence and balance.” Cortez has been involved with The Lift since he was 15, and now, at 27, is turning around to reinvest what he’s learned in the next generation of East Side youth. The Lift’s executive director, Dr. Sandra Unger, and new program coordinator, Ginny Razicza, will work alongside these four to offer support and guidance. “This is the realization of something we’ve always wanted to do in the neighborhood,” Sandra said, “which is to pass leadership on to those who have grown up here. Because they’ve gone through similar life experiences as our youth, these four will be able to speak into their lives in a way we haven’t been able to before.”

Alec, Christopher, Teli, and Cortez will together take over the role left by Aaron Day, who after over ten years with The Lift, will be stepping down as youth programs director this week. “It feels bittersweet,” Aaron said. “It’s exciting to continue to be a part of the community we’ve built, but not being in the office every day is like moving away from family.” Aaron played a key role in shaping The Lift’s youth programs since the very beginning of the organization, and is now handing off his responsibilities to some of the same young men he helped mentor over that time period. “I’m so excited to see these guys step into their new roles.”

Aaron is pursuing ways to more seriously pursue a field he’s been exploring informally for years—helping people improve their lives through better health, both physically and mentally.
Fourth of July

Nancy Sanchez Guerton
Special to the Forum

Ask any child to choose a favorite holiday and their answer is bound to be Christmas. It has everything – anticipation, celebration, music, ritual, food, presents, and a mysterious, kind old man who, once a year, flies through the air landing on peoples’ roofs. But I would say that, giving Christmas first opinion on Roe v. Wade in 1973, but was also very concerned with First Amendment rights of free press, as well as Sixth Amendment rights of fair trial and the three pall capital punishment. Blackmun retired from the Supreme Court in 1994.

Edward Devitt, (1911-1992), the son of Irish par- ents, also attended Van Buren School although he was a few years younger than his two schoolmates. The family lived at 716 Van Buren Place, their house is gone as is the name of the boyhood street whose re-mains are now Surry Avenue.

He attended St. Paul public schools until the death of his father, a railroad worker, in 1921, after which time the family moved to East Grand Forks, Minne- sota. From 1926 to 1932, he attended St. John’s Preparatory School and University and received his law degree in 1935 from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

He was appointed an assistant Minnesota attorney general in 1939, a Ramsey County probate judge in 1950, and a U.S. district judge from 1954 to 1992. The annual Edward J. Devitt Distinguished Service to Jus- tice Award honors judges whose careers have been ex- emplary, and who have made significant contributions to the administration of justice, the advancement of the rule of law, and the improvement of society as a whole.

So, please visit the Landmark Center’s room #430, which is labeled “The Chief Justice Room,” and see how American Indian Magnet School took the stage with a powerful performance. Multi-talented folk singer, Paul Garding, hosted while folk singer Viktor Borgersen mesmerized the crowd with her Nyckelharpa. The Indigenous Roots dance troupe gave two great dance per- formances toward the end of the festival.

The winner of the sculpture contest was Sue Holben with her “Balthus of Jello” sculpture that she relaxed in, soaking up the sun much of the day. At The Friends of Swede Hollow table, there were old pictures of what Swede Hollow looked like when it was a bustling immigrant community up until the mid-Twentieth Century when the City burned it down. A few local experts were on-hand to an- swer questions about the history of Swede Hollow.

For the first time, the nonprofit group The Friends of Swede Hollow held an annual meeting in the room to add new members to the Dayton’s Bluff Hall of Fame. Let me know if you are interested.

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Severe weather rocked Minnesota on June 11, 2017. Pictured above and below are views of the storm as it rolled over Dayton's Bluff.

Rep. Sheldon Johnson wants you to know about:

State Capitol Grand Opening on August 11-13

The Capitol Grand Opening Celebration will be a three-day-long event to commemorate the completion of this historic restoration, and to celebrate the people of Minnesota at “The People’s House.”

This event will take place August 11th through the 13th at the State Capitol.

There's a packed schedule over the weekend including exclusive tours, an interactive kid’s zone, food and drinks, yoga on the lawn, fireworks and so much more! It’s a great event to take the family to our to just come and enjoy our beautiful Capitol.

For a complete schedule and more information on the weekend, please visit: www.mn.gov/mymncapitol
In memory of Joe Sanchelli
Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

Joe Sanchelli was born on October 18, 1921 and died on May 27, 2017. Joe lived most of his life on the East Side of Saint Paul. For many years he worked for the US Postal Service. He was proud of his Italian heritage and culture and cherished his many memories of life living in Swede Hollow. He attended many Friends of Swede Hollow gatherings and shared Swede Hollow memories and his wonderful music at the group’s events. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

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Ted Heroff – the baker of Dayton’s Bluff
Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

There was a time when Dayton’s Bluff had many bakeries and even more bakers. The bakeries are long gone and on May 8, we lost our last and best baker with the death of Ted Heroff at the age of 84.

Ted owned and operated Heroff’s Bakery at 1039 Hudson Road for 24 years, from the time he bought it in 1963, until it closed in 1987. He was no stranger to the bakery business, having started working as a baker’s helper at that same bakery, then known as East’s, when he was 16, in 1949. Commuting wasn’t a problem because he and his family lived in the house next door, nestled between the bakery and the Mounds Theatre.

Heroff’s Bakery was well known for its cakes, bread, and pastries. Ted’s wife Luella decorated cakes for all occasions. Ted said in an interview with the Saint Paul Pioneer Press Dispatch in 1987, that all of his bakery goods were made from scratch. He never used any preservatives.

Neighbors would line up to buy fresh pastries hot out of the oven. Mothers sent their children to the bakery with lists of what they needed. School kids would stop by to purchase single items, maybe an elephant ear or an individual apple pie. It is said that U. S. Supreme Court chief justice Warren Burger, who grew up in Dayton’s Bluff, would visit the bakery whenever he was in town to pick up some bismark donuts.

The 1970s and 80s were a rough time for neighborhood bakeries as competition from supermarket bakeries ate into their business. Heroff’s Bakery faced an extra challenge with the construction of I-94. Not only did the wooden noise barrier block the view of the bakery from the freeway, but the exit on Earl St. was eventually removed, cutting off access to the Earl-Hudson area completely.

Ted Heroff managed to keep the bakery open until 1987 but finally threw in the towel and sold the building. It became a warehouse, as it is to this day. Ted worked at other bakeries for awhile and finally retired.

Ted and Luella, who died in 2014, remained in the neighborhood where they had strong ties. They were members of St. John’s Catholic Church until it closed in 2013, and seemed to know just about everyone. They were constantly told by neighbors how much their bakery was missed.

Neighbors would often see Ted driving around in his restored 1930 Model A Ford, complete with rumble seat, or stop by to look at it parked in front of his house. Ted was always more than happy to talk to them about his car or discuss the history of the bakery and the neighborhood and the many changes he had seen it go through. He will be missed.

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**East Side Eating – Trimble’s Taste Trek**

Forum contributor Steve Trimble has set out to eat at every local-ly-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 pa-
pager and our 59 may now be found online at daytonsbluffdistrictfor-
rum.org. Click on “East Side Eating” at the top of the home page. Steve Trimble can be reached at editor@daytonsbluff.org.

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I had been to the Little Oven (for-
merly The Italian Oven), but not late-
y. When a friend suggested lunch, I sug-
gested the corner of Minnehaha and
White Bear Avenues. We entered through a stone-lace-like entrance with the pizza ovens behind a counter. There were seven booths and one that could seat six or more people. Recently re-
modeled, the glassed-in “smoking room” is now gone. A dozen or so
tables, some for two and some that
can be pushed together for larger
groups, now fill the former smoking section.

The appetizer platter featured al-
most all of those available – bread-
ed zucchini, mozzarella sticks,
chicken and zucchini cheese bread,
and deep fried ravioli.

Breakfast is served until 2:00 p.m.
and offers quite a few choices. They don’t begin serving pizza until
11:00 a.m., and they of-
fer a few unusual ones, such as a Garlicky
stein. Two of the
specials are the “Little Oven
Deluxe Pizza” and “Little Oven Meat
Lovers” with sausage, pepperoni,
Canadian bacon, and hamburger.

Under the heading “Pasta Classico”
were baked penny, ravioli, fettuccini al-
fredo and the “Pasta Speciale,” starred
penne diavolo (hot and spicy) and
chicken marsala. They have a sandwich
that seems to be a “hot dog” but
they call it a “Hot Paisano.” It is an Italian
restaurant, but there are many other
options – steaks, shrimp, chicken, fish,
dishes, and burgers. For dessert, there
is spumoni, or cannoli with a scoop of
ice cream. I had the “Farmer’s Break-
fast,” comprised of eggs and a filling of
hash browns and ham and ceddar
cheese, topped with three scrambled
eggs and some toast.

Jimmy Morelli (who also owns
Morelli’s on Payne Avenue) opened the
restaurant, originally called The Italian
Oven, in 1990. It began as an Italian piza
chain with the same name wanted to
open outlets in Minnesota. Jimmy
agreed to switch to the current name.

Credit card payments are not accepted – pay-
ment is only by cash or check; how-
ever, there is an on-site ATM. There is
a large parking lot across Minnehaha,
and a small parking area on the side of
the building. The restaurant’s extensive
Web page lists a dine-in menu, takeout
menu, wine list, catering menu, and
banquet service.

Prepare to eat a lot or take some
away. After all, their motto is “Homie large portions and small prices.”

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**A Palace in the park**

Greg Cosimini
Forum Staff

In 1986, the St. Paul Winter Carni-
val built an ice palace in Phalen Park.
Anyone who saw it will never forget
it. Charlie Hall, King Boreas in 1983,
was chairman of the committee that
built it.

In 1987 Charlie Hall had an 18-
foot tall granite replica of the ice
palace constructed to honor the many
volunteers and contributors who
made the original ice palace a reality.
All their names were engraved on the
monument. It was installed in Phalen
Park on Phalen Drive not far from
the picnic pavilion, overlooking the
island where the ice palace once stood.

And then a strange thing hap-
pened – the city of St. Paul forgot
about the monument. There is no
mention of it in any city document,
map or Web page concerning Phalen
Park. It’s the same situation with the
Winter Carnival. Charlie Hall now
believes no one can find it and wants
it moved to Rice Park. He is willing
to pay to do so. Mayor Chris Cole
thinks maybe Harriet Island
would be a better place for it.

St. Paul Pioneer Press writer Joe
Souchery managed to find his way
to the East Side of St. Paul and into
Phalen Park but couldn’t locate the
monument without help from the po-
lace. He wrote an article stating
that the monument is basically inac-
cessible and blames the fact that
Phalen Drive no longer connects to
Highway 61. It’s obvious that Joe
doesn’t know Phalen Park very well.
Even so, he endorses the plan to
move the monument to Rice Park.

As so often happens to the East
Side, people who live in and around
here want to make decisions for us
without seeking the opinions of those
who do live here. Maybe we should
make our voices heard before it is too
date. Do we want to lose yet another
piece of our history? Why is Phalen
Park the wrong place to have a mon-
ument honoring the people who built
the 1986 ice palace there? Could the
city do something to publicize the ex-
tistence of the monument?

The ice palace monument is truly
impressive, as was the original ice
palace. We owe Charlie Hall our
thanks for his part in building both of
them in Phalen Park. Anyone who
 hasn’t seen the monument should
check it out for themselves. It’s actu-
ally very easy to find. Then email,
write or call St. Paul’s mayor, your
councilperson, and maybe even Mr.
Souchery and let them know what
you think.

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Dear Reader,

The Dayton’s Bluff District Forum has been a volunteer-run newspaper since the 1980s, and has always operated on a minimal budget. For the past three years we have been soliciting donations through our Friends of the Forum program. Thanks to the donations of readers like you, we have been able to keep the paper up and running.

If you value this community source of information, please consider filling out the form at right. We have received donations in the $5 to $200 range. Truthfully, the Forum could not exist without them. Equally truthful, the Forum needs much larger donations to continue.

No, it’s not that your local neighborhood paper is ready to disappear. Its volunteer, non-salaried writers and editorial board have either too much pride, ego, or tenacity to let that happen without a fight.

Here are some facts: The Forum was first published in 1982. Like so many community services, it was begun by neighbors who saw a need and cared enough to act. Thirty-five years have passed, and there is still a desire for the grassroots Newsprint and ink delivered to our doors. Perhaps it connects us with our neighbors as we read the same articles from the same source? Remember, this was long before cell phones and Facebook.

Here’s another fact: The Forum’s layout/editor is the only paid person, and she is paid part-time. Writers, editors, and board members are unpaid. Another fact: 7,000 Dayton’s Bluff addresses receive the Forum at no subscription cost. If you have been our Friend in the past, please renew your membership with a donation in 2017. Our goal for the year is $2,000; as of this printing we have raised $1,340.00. Would you like to do the same? Please email photos to editor@daytonsbluff.org.

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View from my porch

Sage Holben
Forum Staff

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No, it’s not that your local neighborhood paper is ready to disappear. Its volunteer, non-salaried writers and editorial board have either too much pride, ego, or tenacity to let that happen without a fight.

Here are some facts: The Forum was first published in 1982. Like so many community services, it was begun by neighbors who saw a need and cared enough to act. Thirty-five years have passed, and there is still a desire for the grassroots newsprint and ink delivered to our doors. Perhaps it connects us with our neighbors as we read the same articles from the same source? Remember, this was long before cell phones and Facebook.

Here’s another fact: The Forum’s layout/editor is the only paid person, and she is paid part-time. Writers, editors, and board members are unpaid. Another fact: 7,000 Dayton’s Bluff addresses receive the Forum at no subscription cost (meaning ‘free’) every month except January. The Dayton’s Bluff Community Council, of which Dayton’s Bluff resident is a member, collaborates with the 501c3 non-profit Dayton’s Bluff District Forum on a regular basis.

More facts: Monthly costs for printing and our layout/editor’s salary run just over $1,000 per issue. Printing cost varies based on quantity printed, whether color or is used, etc. Advertisers and you, the public, the readers, provide the income for printing costs and the one salary.

It’s a fact that you won’t get late-breaking news from your monthly neighborhood paper; but consider what a local paper means to you with its quirky articles on food and goats; listings of coming events; photos of your loved ones; a place for your written views; perhaps a laugh or a groan; and even solid information on new construction or city council actions. In the end, your issue may end up at the bottom of the bird cage or wrapping tonight’s garbage. But admit it; it gave you some enjoyment as you removed it from your mailbox, read it, and shared the stories with someone else.

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