North Street Community Garden celebrates second season

Marilyn McG Griff
Special to the Forum

For the second year in a row, the vacant lot owned by the city of St. Paul on North Street is being transformed into a community garden. After last year’s successful start, more raised beds have been added to accommodate more gardeners. On Friday, May 4, a crew arrived at the garden site to begin the expansion work. Sixteen volunteers, all employees from Allianz, worked throughout the day as part of the company’s support of community projects. Not only did Allianz provide the muscle power for the day, the company provided sponsorship dollars to Twin Cities Rebuilding Together.

Tony Sjogren from that program was again on hand with the lumber, power tools and supplies, in addition to serving as coordinator for the day, supervising the volunteers and offering encouragement.

Among the refreshments offered to the crew were watermelon slices provided by the Cambric apartment manager, Jessica Garcia. Rebuilding Together has worked closely with Milan Mockovak, a Cambric resident who generated the idea for the garden initially. Included in this year’s plan is a compost bin, and Milan would like to see a garden shed as well as some picnic tables.

August Hoffman, a psychology professor at Metro State University stopped by to observe the progress. His students will help maintain the garden throughout the summer as one of their community improvement projects.

Another successful year for the Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour

Karin DuPaul
Forum Staff

Hundreds of people toured eight homes in Dayton’s Bluff on April 28 and 29. Visitors included Dayton’s Bluff residents as well as people from all over the Metro area and beyond. Many visitors come back to Dayton’s Bluff every year to see the great homes and visit with the wonderful residents of this neighborhood.

The tour featured a variety of house sizes and styles. Visitors admired beautiful woodworking, large-scale home restorations, and modern kitchens, among other new and period features.

Two of the beautiful homes were 1115 McLean (a brand new house built by Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services) and 737 5th Street, which was completely rehabbed by the current owner; both homes are for sale.

Two formerly vacant buildings were on the tour this year: 689 Conway, which was completely rehabilitated by Historic Saint Paul, and the old Railing Shop was purchased after last year’s tour and is in the process of being totally renovated into a unique home for the new owners.

A three room house with a wonderful garden yard was featured with its cozy and functional living space. Another beautiful home is also an Airbnb, where the owner regularly welcomes visitors to enjoy the best of the Bluff.

The house on Beech Street featured on the tour is a wonderful family home which recently brought a very nice new family to Dayton’s Bluff.

Last, but not least is the beautiful Georgian Revival home built in 1912, designed by Thomas Holyoke, a well-respected local architect.

At the end of the tour an “After the Home Tour” party for the homeowners and home tour volunteers was held at the Cambric apartment building. Everyone was able to relax and enjoy good conversation and food. Many people are looking forward to next year’s Home Tour.

Thirty-eight volunteers helped make the tour run smoothly; thanks go out to those volunteers – most whom help year after year – and to the home owners who opened their homes for the tour. A special thank you to the Cambric for hosting the After the Home Tour party. Another hearty thanks goes out for the delicious food donated by Varause Brother’s, Ward 6, Obb’s Sports Bar and Grill, Culver’s, and Magnolias. See you on next year’s tour!

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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 next hike will be on Saturday, June 6. 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 ability of the hikers. Share and learn a little history along the way! Email karindgpaudl@comcast.net or call 651-776-0550 for more information.

Friends of Swede Hollow

Watch over, restore, and celebrate the historic Swede Hollow Park. Join the Swede Hollow Community at their monthly meeting on Thursday, June 7, at 6:30 p.m. Please note that meetings are now on Thursdays. Email karindgaudl@comcast.net 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 Wednesday, June 6, at 1:00 p.m., at Swede Hollow Cafe at 722 E. 7th Street. Call 651-776-0550 or email dayton’sbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com 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 Wednesdays, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Meetings are intended as a time to listen and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

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


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 Garden Apartments located at 1145 Hudson Road, on Wednesdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9: Midwest All-Star Food Program at Mound Mounds Theatre

The Mound Mounds Theatre is a big building and our volunteer staff can use help getting to all the random jobs that pop up during the year. Come down to the weekend, we’ll fix them, sort things and clean things. Wear clothes that can get dirty and stay as long as you are able! FREE!!!

The Historic Mounds Theatre

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June at the Dayton’s Bluff Library

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

- On Weekdays, beginning June 11, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Dayton’s Bluff Library offers Summer Reading Zone. Happy Summer Break, students!
- Saturdays, June 12, 9, 16, 22, and 30, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Space in the FunZONE! Play computer games like Minecraft, and enjoy other hands-on fun in the Zone.
- Tuesday, June 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Teens Know Best! Teens have exclusive access to books before they are published. This group meets on the second Tuesday of every month to share opinions and pizza. Teens Know Best members are expected to write reviews of the books they read. The reviews are submitted directly to the publishers to help guide their decisions. New members can register at the meet. Call 651-632-3873 for more information.
- Summer Movies at the Library - It’s back! Dayton’s Bluff Library and Metropolitan State University Library are again co-hosting the popular children’s Summer Movie series every Friday at Dayton’s Bluff Library from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- It all begins on Friday, June 22, with Coco! Followed the following Friday, June 29, with The Borrowers (the 1997 version with John Goodman)!

- Come for the movie, stay for the story! Dayton’s Bluff’s Library is also providing Escape in the Zone for children 18 and younger, weekdays beginning June 11 and continuing through the summer.

- All movies will be shown on the first floor of the library, located at 645 East 7th Street, Saint Paul.

- Did you know that you can check out board games at the library? Library visitors can play the games in the library or check them out for two weeks. The full list of games can be viewed at http://bit.ly/MetaGames and all are available to the public.

- For information about these and other events check sppl.org or call 651-793-1699.

- The Dayton’s Bluff Library shares its home with Metropolitan State University at 645 East 7th Street.

June at the Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center

Mobile Jazz: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free, ages 12-17 welcome. Begins June 2.

Judo: Mondays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free, ages 16-17 welcome. Begins June 11.

Hip Hop at the Bluff: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free, ages 8-18 welcome. Begins June 12.

Basketball Skills: Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free, ages 6-12 welcome. Begins June 12.

Jewelry Making: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free, ages 8 and older welcome. Begins June 13.

Latin Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Free, ages 8 and older welcome. Begins June 14.

Sewing for Kids: Mondays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free, ages 12-18 welcome. Begins June 18.

Summer Blast: Daily, Monday-Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free, ages 6-12 welcome. Begins June 18.

Young Men’s Group: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free, ages 11-15 welcome. Begins June 19.

Toddler Sports: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free, ages 4-6 welcome. Begins June 21.

Teen Dance: Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Free, ages 18-21 welcome. Begins June 21.

Open Gym! Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free, all ages welcome. Ongoing.

Teen Open Gym! Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Free, ages 14-18 welcome. Ongoing.

To register for any of these activities, please call the Rec Center at 651-793-1699. All activities are open to the Dayton’s Bluff Rec Center, located at 800 Convent Street, St. Paul.

June at the East Side Freedom Library

Are you interested in collaborating with the ESFL on events, media, and community engagement? Please join us by participating and taking leadership in any of the following projects: Event promotion and evaluation, media and communications, and community engagement.

For more information, please attend our collaboration sessions. Meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of every month. In these meetings, we will discuss upcoming events, the library’s mission and mission, and explore your own ideas about community programming.

All events listed here take place at the East Side Freedom Library and are open to all. The East Side Freedom Library is located at 1150 Greenbrier Street. Call 651-230-3294, email information@eastsidefreedomlibrary.org for details on these and other upcoming events as they become available.

Business Classes

The Dayton’s Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur class helps startup and small businesses on the East Side. All East Side entrepreneurs are welcome.

Class training lasts 12 weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, finance and financial management, one-on-one assistance with creating a successful business, and developing a business plan, plus eight hours of one-on-one assistance with creating and preparing a business plan.

Those who successfully complete the course are eligible for ongoing business support services (they don’t have to locate their business in target neighborhoods to be eligible). The course is hosted 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, so sign up now. Please call the training department at 651-379-8113.

Let your voice be heard!

Contact WEQY 104.7 FM, St. Paul East Side community reporter Cearah Hamilton of The Eastside Vibe if you have valuable resources you want to get out to the community, would like her to cover your event, or interview your organization! Cearah Hamilton can be reached at cearah@weqy.org.

Wish List Care Packages

Do you know that you can help East Side Elders distribute food, hygiene items, and more to seniors on the East Side by shopping our Amazon Wish List? Visit www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/3KK0O1 and make your wish list.

We have these much-needed items sent right to our office. From there, our team of volunteers will distribute them to seniors in need. Help us make a bigger impact and shop our wish list today.

The Smilin’ Cowboys

Popular Twin Cities party band, The Smilin’ Cowboys, will perform at the Minnesota Music Cafe, located at 500 Payne Avenue on the second Thursday of each month. Music begins at 8:00 p.m.
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, intergenerational neighborhood congregation located at 1049 Euclid Street in Dayton’s Bluff. Sunday worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Sundays: Multi-Generational Sunday School Class. Class meets every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge of the church. This class follows an adult curriculum and has a participant age range of 80 years! Youth start in worship at 10:30 a.m. Following kid’s time, children aged 0-4 years go to the staffed nursery, grades K-5 go to the upstairs Sunday School room, and children grades 6-12 go downstairs for classes. Breakfast is served during Sunday School. The nursery is staffed for those children aged 0-4 years who do not want to start in worship. Please call the church with any questions.

Mississippi Market Presents: Eat More Plants Event Series

Incorporate more plants into your daily life and diet

Matt Frank
Mississippi Market

Mississippi Market, Saint Paul’s premier natural foods grocer, is pleased to announce an upcoming three-part event series featuring local plant-based culinary experts, food samples, recipes, and cooking inspiration. Attendees will learn ways to incorporate more plants into their daily life and diet to promote environmental, physical, and financial health. As an added benefit, participants who attend all three events will receive a special plant-based cookbook and co-op gift bag. The Eat More Plants event series kicks-off in late April and runs once-a-month through June at the co-op’s East 7th store. Each event in the series is free to attend; a $5.00 registration fee is required per event, which will be reimbursed as a $5.00 co-op voucher. Registration is open now and may be completed in-store at Customer Service, or online at www.msmarket.coop/eat-more-plants.

Eat More Plants: Easy Recipes with J. Selby’s

Wednesday, June 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the East 7th store. Join Chef Nathan from local eatery J. Selby’s for an inspiring evening culminating in delicious samples of two flavorful plant-based meals from their menu.

From seasoned plant-based pros to those just beginning their local plant-based food journey, everyone is sure to learn and taste something new at Mississippi Market’s Eat More Plants event series!

About Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op: Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op has been offering local, organic food at a fair price to our St. Paul neighbors for nearly 40 years. As a consumer-owned grocery store, Mississippi Market provides high-quality, fair-priced foods and services, and works toward a sustainable local economy and global environment. Learn more at www.msmarket.coop.

Free help for East Side pets

Temperance Brennan
Forum Contributor

The Animal Humane Society’s Community Outreach program has special indoor and outdoor clinics for pets of low income families on the East Side as well as Frogtown. The events offer all the same resources and care as the outdoor clinics — free wellness exams, vaccines, nail trims, spay/neuter appointment scheduling, guidance from the AHS behavior team and St. Paul Animal Control, free pet food, and more.

For information on upcoming events and locations call 651-788-4685 or visit http://animalhumanesociety.org/outreach-services-frogtown-and-east-st-paul.

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Tourist or Resident, Explore Saint Paul with a Walking Tour

Take a free tour from Landmark Center

Krisy Schoenfelder
Landmark Center

Visitors and curious residents are in-vited to explore Rice Park, St. Peter Street, or Saint Paul’s riverfront with Landmark Center’s Saint Paul Walking Tours. Beginning June 13, and contin-uing through September, Landmark Center tour guides will lead three dif-ferent walking tours of Saint Paul. Tours are free and operate on a rotating schedule, Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

“Walking tours are nice events for both visitors and residents,” said Bob Wagner, a Landmark Center volunteer and creator of the walking tours. “People tend to take their hometowns for granted, but there’s always something new to learn, whether you’re a lifelong resident or a tourist.”

The second Wednesday of each month, beginning June 13, the Rice Park Tour departs from Landmark Center’s Visitor Information Desk. The tour circles one of Saint Paul’s most iconic parks, and stops in the sur-rounding buildings which give the park its central role in city events and celebra-tions.

On the third Wednesday of each month, beginning June 20, the Heart of the City Tour departs from inside Landmark Center’s North Lobby (6th street entrance). It travels down St. Peter Street pointing out some of the most famous landmarks and influential buildings in St. Paul’s history, including the Hamm Building and Mickey’s Diner.

Finally, the Great River Tour be-gins at Upper Landing Park (Shepard Road and Eagle Parkway) and travels along the mighty Mississippi. It high-lights buildings and locations that helped make Saint Paul the city it is to-day. It runs the last Wednesday of each month, beginning June 27.

All tours are FREE, operate June through September, and begin at 10:00 a.m. Space is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 651.292.3063 or visit www.landmark-center.org/visit/walkingtours.html.

About Landmark Center: Landmark Center is a dynamic, historic cultural center and central gathering place in downtown Saint Paul. It is owned and sponsored by Ramsey County and managed by Minnesota Landmarks, the nonprofit programming and manage-ment agency for the building. Landmark Center is located at 75 West 5th Street, on Rice Park and is accessible to those with impaired mobility. Access is available on street and in nearby Lawson, Science Museum and River-Center Ramps. For more information call 651.292.3225 or visit www.landmark-center.org.

Take a new look at Saint Paul

Landmark Center’s summer art exhibit focused on Saint Paul

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Landmark Center

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Grants cover tuition costs for all spring 2018 Urban Education student teachers

Poh Lin Khoo & Robert Boot
Metropolitan State University

Twenty-eight student teachers in the School of Urban Education (UED) at Metropolitan State University are currently placed in public schools in St. Paul, Minneapolis, and surrounding suburban urban areas for the spring 2018 semester.

For the first time, not a single student teacher was denied coverage of tuition costs for their student teaching credits, UED Dean René Antrop-González proudly announced that through grants awarded to UED, Metropolitan State students who are fulfilling the student teaching requirement for licensure this spring semester, were afforded a stipend to cover the costs of their tuition. In many cases, UED student teachers have received enough funding to cover their rent and a portion of their living expenses.

“Mandated, full-time unpaid labor via student teaching is based on a raced and classed model that does not honor our students’ lived realities,” says Dean Antrop-González. “Consequently, pre-service teachers—especially pre-service teachers of color and American Indian pre-service teachers—have either not been able to become licensed teachers or have had to unjustly sacrifice their basic needs to complete student teaching. In a strong union state like Minnesota, the perpetuation of this practice is simply not acceptable.

The student teaching requirement is typically the final step for completion and consists of 8-9 credits, depending on licensure area. The average tuition cost and consists of 8-9 credits, depending on licensure area. The average tuition cost is $2,104 for an undergraduate student and $3,304 at the graduate level. These funding sources for UED student teachers are important to help alleviate the cost for what is essentially an unpaid, full-time internship. Student teaching placements last between 12 to 15 weeks, and presents a huge barrier for many students who are trying to become licensed teachers.

“I vividly remember the time and being a mom put stress on trying to balance everything. Having a paid student teaching internship has helped me enjoy the exercised over the next two years, to be how I am going to pay bills or feed my family. If I hadn’t gotten this help I wouldn’t be able to finish my degree career,” says Jennifer Delortore, a mother of two graduating from UED. Her family. If I hadn’t gotten this help I wouldn’t have the financial freedom to do better; to not worry about thing. Having a paid student teaching in the classroom.

Saint Paul Public Library announces 2018 summer activities for kids and teens

Emily Gaszel
Saint Paul Public Library

Summer 2018 will be a busy one at Saint Paul Public Library (SPL). Summer Spark, SPP, and two annual summer learning programs, kick off on June 1 with engaging activities for kids and teens ages 10-18. Following a successful last summer, this year’s programming is partnering once again with the Saint Paul Saints on Reading Tree, a special storytime hour hosted by a Saints player, Mudonna, the team’s mascot, and a local children’s book author.

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The library invites everyone to bring a different perspective about education to the summer with Summer Spark. We want to inspire the interest of students and young people in learning about a career in teaching and the world of education. It’s possible. Spark helps you understand the work.”

Read with the Saints: The St. Paul Saints & Sprint, in conjunction with SPP, are bringing their Reading Tree program to the Saint Paul area near you! The Saints will bring along some special guests, like their pink fluffy mascot, Mudonna, a Saints player and a children’s book author.

Summer Reads: Keep kids reading throughout the summer with Summer Reads! Children will meet with a sum- mer reading companion to keep them reading throughout the summer to practice reading and play some fun literacy games. Summer Reads runs June 18 and runs through August 2.

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Opinion: View From My Porch: Coffee Shop Conversations - When Left Meets Right

Sage Holben Forum Staff

He asked how we know each other. I had just walked into a Roseville coffee shop when another customer approached me, saying he knew me from somewhere. A few minutes later, memory having been jogged, I asked if we had been in the same St. Paul Citizens Police Academy class several years ago. That was it! He invited me to a conversation, so I set aside my intended work to deepen a casual acquaintance.

I don't recall that we had ever had a personal conversation, so I had little knowledge of his background. What was interesting to me was that it was the second such conversation in less than a week.

The first was three days before, when a stranger responded to my phone call and met me to pick up two books he had lost. Over coffee he began talking about his values and sharing his beliefs on the need to own guns, second amendment rights; on immigration and his thoughts on race and religions.

People who have reasoned through beliefs using logic, who have measured and weighed ideas against their fears, emotional reactions, stereotypes, and unknowns, seem to me more likely to listen to a viewpoint totally opposite theirs - perhaps finding common ground by asking questions and considering another's belief and perspective - even accepting it as valid though not restating it, as what I found in the second conversation.

Possibly through comments and experiences shared in our academy class, this man was aware that we held differing perspectives of potential laws punishing highway protestors to policing policies to immigration rights to political agenda-setting. When I voiced my opinions, he listened. When I asked questions, he answered. Again, I listened much more than I talked, asking for clarification, how did a value or belief evolve, what would his vision be…

Several times in the conversation I heard the disclaimer, “I know we disagree on this, but…” For all that, or because of that acknowledgment, said with respect and without sarcasm, I would sit with him and talk anytime. I learned from him and a well-timed MPR airing by Candace Owens the week before at the Center of the American Experiment, and then a talk by Peter Bell on Tuesday, at the Roseville library. It truly has been a meeting of two minds for me, I find it not blaming, not dissecting, berating, or name-calling, we may not change minds, but we can better understand why and what another person thinks and believes.

Opinion: In response to last month’s letter regarding Listening House

Marcia Sanoden Cambric Resident

This letter is a response to last month’s letter to the editor. That letter suggests that all residents of Cambric are threatened by and are negatively impacted by Listening House. The writer adds that he/she is afraid to sign his/her name.

I live at Cambric apartments and regularly volunteer at Listening House. My experience is that with the exception of a few activists in the building, most residents of Cambric come and go without thinking much about Listening House. If I were to confront an average resident in the hallway to ask how they were impacted by Listening House, I would most likely receive an indifferent answer, or even the question "what is Listening House?" The supposed building-wide coordination and cooperation against Listening House simply doesn’t exist.

I question that the assumption that syringes, people sleeping on porches, theft, and sexual exposure are coming from Listening House guests. Have these supposed incidents been documented and proven as committed by guests of Listening House or are they hallucinations? If they could be positively linked to Listening House, staff could constructively deal with offenders—by removing them from the premises. The supposed "daily" encroachment of Listening House guests onto Cambric properties is hearsay. My own bi-cycle was stolen from a locked locker in the garage and it would be convenient to blame a guest of Listening House, but according to the arrest documents the only connection to Listening House. When there is crime in any neighborhood for any reason, it’s never a good thing. But can it all be blamed on Listening House?

Many residents of Cambric utilize government assistance to help pay for their rent. Without its assistance, we, too, could be homeless. Blaming the homeless seems like a case of the pot calling the kettle black.

Listening House has impacted my life positively. As a regular volunteer, I have known to get several guests and we enjoy singing and playing guitar to guests who do not consider themselves to be “Christ-centered.” Far from it. I get more out of the experience than I give. Listening House has been a place of refuge and acceptance that has been lacking in other environments. I am not afraid to sign my name.

Proudly signed, Marcia Sanoden

Opinion: Traffic Calming on East Sixth Street

T Strong East Seventh Street resident

Thank you for the informative article in May’s issue regarding the test closure of East Sixth Street. It is very exciting news that the test closure has been approved by the City of Saint Paul Public Works and will take place in the very near future. I love the idea of a possible “green space” environment extension to the campus of Metro State University. Improving the safe functionality, livability, and residential character of East Sixth Street will stop the tide of its ultimate loss. The vitality, vibrancy, and growth of the commercial/residential corridor of East Seventh is a beautiful thing. It would be a shame to ruin the dream, by neglecting to, also, create a pedestrian-friendly environment for shoppers, visitors, students, and residents. Without obvious crosswalks (more than one), speed limit signs, better lighting, and a clearer presence of traffic enforcement, East Seventh could become another problem area.

Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts on the future of East Seventh Street.

Opinion: Clean up our community

Brian Dayton’s Bluff Resident

I’m new to Minnesota, having moved here in September of last year. It is a truly beautiful state, and as someone who has worked hard with recycling and cleanup initiatives in my home state of New Mexico, I want to do more here where I can.

I have taken to cleaning my neighbor-
The Restorative Process
Sage Holben
Forum Staff
In April, I attended a Mass Incarceration Conference at Metropolitan State University, choosing a breakout session on the restorative process, facilitated by Chris Melendez. I am familiar with the restorative justice perspective, having used the St. Paul Dispute Resolution Center when, as a victim of a beating, I met with one of its mediators. The process gave me both closure and perspective.

The restorative process at this conference gave me a different perspective. Chris uses it in the program he has developed at his charter school, in working with students experiencing conflict. This process seemed to me a way of restoring an individual’s soul and peace of mind, dealing with what- ever demons or inner conflicts one might be having.

On the floor, within the circle of seated participants, Chris had placed a small, personalized quilt of sorts. On it were a number of curious objects - story cubes, small books, worry dolls, other items that might seem like a collection of a game piece. It made me think of using dolls or a dollhouse when talking with children who had been abused, keys in unlocking an intimate story.

Paul) awarded $8,000 for the Basic Needs Program to provide an experienced, bilingual advocate to help refugees with limited English skills by answering questions, translating, reading mail, making phone calls, and completing forms. In addition, the Dollar General Foundation awarded $10,000 to support the Adult Literacy Program, which prepares adult English learners with life and work skills that prepare them for self-sufficiency and participation in the wider community.

REACH Together receives $18,000 in grants to support programs
Sheryl Fried
REACH Together

REACH Together pleased to have received $18,000 in grants this month. The Partners in Justice Board of the Sis.

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Financial FoodShare March Campaign raises over 13.6 million Combined dollars and pounds for Minnesota Food Shelves
Summer Anthony
Minnesota FoodShare

Food shelves, community organizations, faith communities, businesses, and individual partners came together during the March Campaign to raise food and funds in response to food insecurity in Minnesota. 284 food shelves, serving Minnesotans throughout the state, participated in the 36th annual Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, raising over $8.1 million and more than 5.5 million pounds of food and items for local food shelves, translating to roughly 35 million meals for Minnesotans.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign was held in 1982, in response to springtime lows in donations to metro food shelves. In following years, the March Campaign grew to be the largest state-wide, grass roots food and fund drive. To increase impact and serve more Minnesotans, while food shelves and community partners raise food and funds through March, Minnesota FoodShare raises dollars to fill their FoodFund. The

I thought of how this same process, the selecting and handling of an item while relaying the feelings and memories it evoked, used by some to share the hidden fury or helping others or re- ceasing the pain of being bullied. It could be used in eliciting stories of people I meet and interview, people who are struggling through fragrant lives and searching for answers to their experiences.

Closure and answers are not neces- sarily synonymous. I find that closure, with its frame of reference, can bring me peace of mind that a solid, factual answer was provided. Such was the case when my bank card was stolen several months ago. The amount the thieves racked up was vital to me for rent and medical insurance, but my credit union restored it and it did not reach a level that the bank, Minneapolis police, or Saint Paul police would prosecute; that was understandable. However, because it was all so local, I wanted to know if the two people who took my card and used it, were people I see throughout the year at local businesses or li- braries, perhaps we had even ex- changed snippets of conversation...our Saint Paul guilt of me and the op- portunity and for that, I am thankful.

Closure is sometimes not found in pursuing or confronting the wrongdo- er, simply putting thoughts to rest and being able to let go.

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Metropolitan State University celebrates 102nd commencement
Robert Boos & Poh Lin Kho
Metropolitan State University

A classmate’s enthusiastic appeal to Metropolitan State University students to seize upon their success and to “make the best out of your struggles” brought the audience of 2,000 to its feet as student Kossi Ayigah addressed the graduating class.

“Many of you sitting here have a story to tell. Throughout our educational journey, we have all overcome many obstacles and life challenges, but we made it,” Ayigah said.

Approximately 1,058 students re- ceived their bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees this semester, with 785 students participating in Metropolitan State University’s 102nd commencement exercises Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the Metrodome Convention Center. To accommodate Metropolitan State’s growing student body, the spring commencement ceremonies took place as two programs. The cere- mony was livestreamed and is archived for viewing at https://youtu.be/j6PAjCa6BhQ.

When you meet a challenge in life, think back to how you persevered with it and how you pulled yourself through. Be proud of yourself and of what you have accom- plished,” Pederson said. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in community health, with a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

“You have already shown how strong you can be by making it here today, and I know that that strength will flow into the rest of your lives, to help empower students. As one alumnus recently put it, “You are just beginning your journey into your faces, I can see the future—empower students.”

Metropolitan State now enrolls approximately 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu- tion. At its founding, there were few options for students who did not fit the traditional student profile. Today, with hundreds of thousands of students, the University celebrates 47 years as a higher education institu-
Have Forum, will travel...

Mark Cosimini and Mary Block at the Louvre in Paris, France would rather read the Dayton’s Bluff District Forum than look at Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece The Virgin and Child with Saint Anne. We at the Forum support their decision and commend their excellent taste in reading material.

Several readers send us pictures of themselves reading our newspaper on their travels. If you’d like to do the same, please email photos to daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com.

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