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"The Voice of the Community"

Ramsey County Historical Society Honors Dayton's Bluff Resident, Steve Trimble

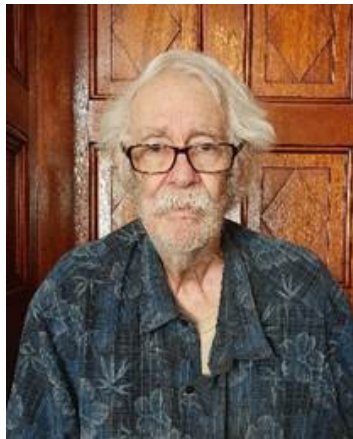
Ramsey County Historical Society

Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) recently honored Dayton's Bluff resident Steve Trimble as the organization's notable volunteer at an RCHS publishing luncheon on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

RCHS President Chad Roberts presented a plaque and gift certificate for Trimble's volunteer work over twenty-one years as a member of the organization's editorial board. In that time, Trimble has penned seventeen articles for *Ramsey County History* magazine — two of which have earned prestigious Virginia B. Kunz awards for best article, written book reviews, worked on two podcasts, supplied hundreds of history blurbs for RCHS social media channels, and suggested countless creative article ideas.

Trimble earned a BA in history from Southern Methodist University and was a doctoral candidate in history at the University Chicago. He's from Emporia, Kansas, but has lived in St. Paul since 1969.

Over the years, Trimble taught history at Macalester College, Minneapolis Community College, and Metro State. From



1987 to 2000, he served St. Paul as a DFL member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, but he always kept one foot, if not both feet, firmly planted in local history. He led a summer oral history and Minnesota Memories writing project for participants in the Twin City Institute for Talented Youth; spearheaded the Minnesota People's History project; was and still is an active member of Friends of Swede Hollow; gave Dayton's Bluff history tours; and did the research for a 1979 Lance Belville play, "We Win or Bust," about the 1922 railroad strike.

Writing about local history was and continues to be Trimble's forte. He's written for the *Dayton's Bluff Forum* and other community papers, authored multiple books — a few of which include *In the Shadow of the City: A History of the Loring Park Neighborhood*; *Historic Photos of St. Paul*; and *Remembering St. Paul*, along with a community cookbook. He's penned history shorts on nearly every topic imaginable for St. Paul Historical and MNopedia. He's also served with the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

If one is curious about St. Paul or Ramsey County history, ask Steve Trimble. History is everything to him. RCHS is grateful that he's been part of our history and has selflessly contributed so much to our publishing program over the years.

The luncheon for about thirty-five guests associated with RCHS publishing also highlighted Ramsey County Historical Society's seventy-fifth birthday this year and noted that its publication program has been running for six decades. The society will celebrate these anniversaries throughout 2024 and into the first quarter of 2025.

Kellogg-Third Street Bridge Project

City of Saint Paul Public Works Dept.

The City of St Paul will be replacing the Kellogg-Third Street bridge to address the need for a more reliable connection to the City that will accommodate people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving. Construction is anticipated to start in summer 2024 and will take approximately 3 years to complete.

In 2014, a structural analysis of the bridge supports found that traffic cannot be supported on the outer portions of the bridge deck. Traffic was immediately removed from those portions of the bridge.

The resulting bridge does not meet the needs of the community and future multi-modal plans (including bus rapid transit between Union Depot and Woodbury).

The new bridge will have four lanes of traffic (two in each direction) and a barrier separated trail on both sides of the roadway. The trails will each be 12 feet wide, shared by bicycles and pedestrians, and separated from vehicle traffic by a concrete barrier. Intersections near Union Depot and at Mounds Boulevard will be reconstructed to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and vehicles,

including bus rapid transit.

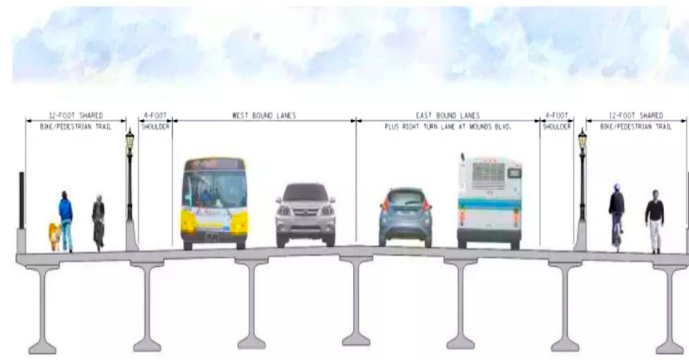
Bridge replacement is one of the City's priorities. The bridge carries around 14,000 vehicles each day, and traffic is not just from local neighborhoods. The City secured project funding in 2023. The City is coordinating with partners and utilities to determine the specific construction timeline.

There are many reasons why the project will take 3 years to complete. The Kellogg-Third Street Bridge is the longest city-owned bridge, and this project is the city's largest undertaking since 1995 when the Wabasha Bridge was constructed over the Mississippi River. Other project complexities include:

- * Multiple road crossings, including Interstate 94.

- * Active operation of railroad tracks under the bridge. The track junction is one of the busiest in the Midwest.

- * Commercial Street, under the bridge,



must remain open during construction to provide access to critical power and sewer facilities.

- * Underground utility

tunnels, some exceeding 12 feet in width, require special protection and work methods.

- * The project site is subject to flooding from the Mississippi River.

The proposed vehicle detour route during construction is Mounds Blvd. to E. 7th St. St. to Robert Street.

For more information and updates to this project visit: stpaul.gov/projects/public-works/pw2021kellogg3rdbridge

Fourth of July Events Around the Cities

Family Fun Twin Cities

June 29

Rosefest Party in the Park

@Roseville Central Park, 2540 Lexington Avenue North

Carnival activities, inflatable fun, puppet shows, live music all day, and fireworks at 10 p.m. 2-10 p.m.

July 3, 4, 5

Fireworks After Saints Game

@CHS Stadium, 360 Broadway St., St. Paul

Fireworks following the Saints vs. Strippers game. Tickets required.

July 3

Bloomington Summer Fete

@Normandale Lake Park, 5901 West 84th Street, Bloomington

Family Fun Zone usually includes activity booths, face painting, balloon animals, bounce houses, slides, and more. Live Music on the 84th Street Kids Stage. Fireworks at dusk. 5-10:30 p.m.

July 4

4th of July at Langford Park

@30 Langford Park, Saint Paul Picnic, parade, fun run, live music, speeches, kids activities, and pony rides! Free, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

July 4

Red White and Boom

@Water Works and Stone Arch Bridge Parking Lot, Minneapolis

Fireworks begin at 10pm and festivities will be held.

July 4

Fireworks at Hazelwood Park

@1663 County Rd C E, Maplewood

Food trucks, family games and activities, inflatables (\$5/pp), live music, and fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Some events cost money, 4-10 p.m.

July 4

Fireworks at Dusk

@Lowell Park, 201 Water St. N., Stillwa-

ter Splurge on a Fireworks Cruise and Fireworks Dinner Cruise with St. Croix River Cruise.

July 4

Manitou Days

@Memorial Beach, 4980 Lake Ave, White Bear Lake

The full Manitou Days festival is three weeks in length. It culminates on the Fourth of July with the White Bear Lake Independence Day Boat Parade (noon) and fireworks, a flyover, and music to dance to from 8-10:30pm. Other festival events include a medallion hunt, Market-fest farmer's market, children's fishing contest, a grand parade, and kids parade.

July 4

Woodbury's Hometown Celebration

@M Health Fairview Sports Center, 4125 Radio Dr., Woodbury

Family Fun begins at 6 p.m. with a kids zone full of bounce houses and open play in the green space and Madison's Place Playground; live music, food trucks on-site at 7 p.m., fireworks at 10 p.m.

July 4

Lake Elmo 4th of July Kids' Parade

@Lions Park, 11320 Upper 33rd St N, Lake Elmo

Lineup at 11:45 a.m. at Lake Elmo Avenue and 32nd Street and finish at Lions Park. Enjoy Pre-Parade activities from 10-11:45 a.m., including crafts, face painting, free flags, and temporary tattoos. Post-parade activities include ice cream, dunk tank, minnow races, and a water station.



Local Farmers' Markets Now Open

Compiled from Information provided by stpaulfarmersmarket.com/

The St. Paul Farmers' Markets are beloved community gathering spots where local farmers and artisans come together to offer fresh produce, baked goods, handmade crafts, and more. Located in the heart of St. Paul and surrounding areas, these vibrant markets have been a staple of the community for 170 years, offering a unique shopping experience and a chance to connect with the people who grow and make the goods you buy. With a festive atmosphere, live music, and plenty of tasty treats to sample, St. Paul Farmers' Market is a must-visit destination for anyone looking to support local businesses and enjoy the best of what the community has to offer.



Downtown St. Paul

Now open every Saturday and Sunday!
Free parking on Prince St. and Peddy-Cab rides from the lot to the market!
Our flagship farmers' market is located at 290 5th St. E, Saint Paul.
Open Hours: Saturdays 7 a.m.– 1 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m.– 1 p.m.

Roseville

The market is located at Corpus Christi Church at 2131 Fairview Ave N, Roseville.

Open Hours: Tuesdays 8 a.m.–12 noon.
No market on August 27

House of Hope

The market is located at House of Hope Church at 797 Summit Ave, Saint Paul.

The farmers' market occurs in the parking lot on the corner of Holly Ave and N Avon St.

Open Hours: Fridays 1:15 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Aldrich Arena, Maplewood

The market is located at Aldrich Arena at 1850 White Bear Ave.

Open Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m.– noon.



Greg Cosimini

There are plenty of turkeys on the roads nowadays but they are usually driving cars. This one decided to mess up traffic on May 21 by wandering around the intersection of E. 7th and Arcade on foot.



Friends of Swede Hollow

If you have a passion for history and preserving nature, please join us for our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month.

Our meetings are held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 765 Margaret St., back entrance. For the most accurate information on the next meeting, email Michel or follow us on Facebook.

The meeting is **July 16** and starts at **6:30 p.m.** and is an excellent resource for park updates and events.

For more updates email taylor672@comcast.net or call Michel at 651-442-3366.

Dayton's Bluff District Forum Board Meeting

The *Forum* is seeking writers and help with online content, idea generation, and ad sales — join us at our next meeting on **Friday, July 5 at 11 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, call 651-776-0550 or email daytonsbuffdistrictforum@gmail.com for more information.

We are currently meeting at the Dayton's Bluff Library.

Need Groceries?

If you are 60 or older, you may be eligible to receive a box of nutritious food every month from Second Harvest.

This box is part of a program called NAPS, and we can help you apply!

Give us a call at 651-683-2326, and someone will assist you with your application.

Help the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging provide one-on-one counseling to Medicare beneficiaries at community partner sites.

Make a difference in your community by becoming a State Health Insurance Assistance Program certified Medicare Counselor. Help people understand their Medicare options.

Visit Metroaging.org/volunteer.

Police Community Meetings

The Eastern District Saint Paul Police hosts 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 meetings are intended as a time to learn, listen, and address people's concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side. Policing meetings are held at **9 a.m. and 6 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors!

Call or email Robyn at 651-266-5580 or robyn.brewin@ci.stpaul.mn.us to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program

Family Homeless Prevention Assistance Program (FHPAP) funds can help single folks, too.

Here is a list of agencies that help with deposit and/or rent assistance through FHPAP:

Neighborhood House: 651-789-2500
MN Community Care: 651-266-1290
American Indian Family Center: 651-793-3803

CLUES: 612-746-3550,

YMCA: 763-493-3052

Face-to-Face: 651-224-9644

New National Suicide Prevention Hotline Number

988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Text or Dial. 988 was recently launched as an alternative to calling 911.

Mattress and Box Spring Recycling

Saint Paul has partnered with Second Chance Recycling and Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy to offer residential mattress and box spring collection and recycling at no additional cost.

For free curbside pick up, Saint Paul residents must first schedule a pick up time and date with Second Chance.

For more information and scheduling details, visit stpaul.gov/mattressrecycling.

Xcel Phone Numbers

Gas Leak: 800-895-2999. Power Outage: 800-895-1999.

Call 811 before you dig: Before starting that roto-tiller or heaving that shovel into the ground for *anything*, call 811.

At no charge, Xcel will have a trained technician check the area on your property or on the boulevard to make sure there are no wires, pipes, other hidden surprises in the designated digging area. Usually, someone checks within a day, marking the 'no-dig' area with painted lines, and everyone is safe!

Dayton's Bluff Community Council Board of Directors Meeting

The Dayton's Bluff Community Council is inviting everyone to attend the Annual Meeting on **Monday, July 8 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the East Side Enterprise Center at 804 Margaret Street.

Come meet your neighbors, share your ideas, hear from others, and elect board members. Your voice matters!

Welcome address from the Board President, remarks from other local officials, open discussion with your neighbors and board members are on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you and serv-

ing your neighborhood needs. All are welcome.

Free Legal Services for Low-Income People

Call Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services at 1-888-575-2954 or go to smrls.org to see if you qualify for free legal assistance with: family law, government benefits, housing, education, seniors, and more. You can also call if you're behind on your bills, having problems with credit or creditors, or have other civil legal issues, etc. If an interpreter is needed, SMRLS will provide one.

Hours: **Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m.; 1 to 3 p.m.**



July 12 & 13: North Star Nerdlesque Festival. Join us for the first *North Star Nerdlesque Festival*, celebrating the best Nerdlesque in the North Star State and beyond. Times: Friday, July 12 at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets: Table Seat - \$45, Premium Seat - \$30, Standard Seat - \$20. Weekend package tickets also available.

Visit moundstheatre.org to purchase tickets and get more information on upcoming events.

The Historic Mounds Theatre is located at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com

Chess Club

Come join us at Karibu Grocery and Deli, located at 719 Payne Ave. in St. Paul for a weekly game of chess. All levels are welcome. We play every **Wednesday from 6-9 p.m.**

View From My Porch

Sage Holben

"It's like living in a deserted town — with the boarded windows and with the 'shadow people' wandering in and out. I feel stranded and alone with vacant, boarded houses around me."

In the vicinity of Dayton's Bluff Elementary School, the playground lies empty of children's voices and play. The only life seen on the street is Mary and her unleashed dog. Desolate. Emotionally depressing. Stress. Ugliness. Mental health. Deterioration. Dumping ground. Discarded trash, discarded youth. Overgrown weeds. Blight. Few vehicles except for those abandoned heaps with flat or missing tires and detached metal shells along the curb.

A pile of fast-food wrappings lies dumped in the residential street; the wrappings are from a restaurant not found on the East Side, but like the Gold Line whose future is to move workers from Woodbury, through Dayton's Bluff, along the wall blocking residents' once enjoyable views of our city, to their destinations, never dropping a dollar at a local business along the way. Business travels. What's purchased/profited elsewhere sheds its trash near the disinvested houses...appropriate for the disinvested boarded-up neighborhood — heavy in a dark quietness.

How did these particular properties — once "homes" now houses, shells — become vacant properties? Absentee landlord/owner? Owner who gave up to vandalism, squatters, low-level crime? Was it a low-income resident who qualified for first-time homeowner grants but couldn't meet financial upkeep needs?

For over 20 years I have lived and rented, on the same block, the same house. For over 20 years I have heard from blinder-wearing city officials the same idea phrased in various ways: a person is not invested in a neighborhood unless they own their home; a renter is transient and does not care about the neighborhood in which they live. I've heard this spoken as a hard fact.

Twenty plus years on the same block have taught me that many owners and renters alike arrive home, go into their homes and/or apartments, and out to their cars — without ever participating in neighborhood gatherings or speaking with a neighbor, beyond "Hi" and proud if they know the first name of one person who lives on the block. Buy a house or rent an apartment, isolate, move within two or three years.

Other renters and owners arrive home, greet neighbors, walk the dogs, perhaps

enjoy an impromptu coffee and wine porch night with a couple of neighbors who "happen by". A neighbor offers to cut an overgrowth of shrubbery for an elderly neighbor; one shares with another needed cat food or coffee to "get by" for a day or two. This is the neighborhood I live in: celebrations of birthdays, condolences when a pet dies; sharing chores and flowers. Keys to a welcoming neighborhood include awareness and sharing.

Awareness that what I do affects my neighbor: is it music or is it noise? Does using a vehicle horn instead of a text or going to the door to pick up a friend violate another's space? Screaming F---F--- while walking down our street? Disturbing? Yes. Do these people understand they don't live on an island? If they want to collect junk in their yards and vehicles as if it were a matchbox collection, run generators and power tools at odd hours day and night, then perhaps a rural area could be a better consideration. In a residential area or inner-city neighborhood, noise, inside or outside, affects others. What one smokes — weed, cigarettes, a bonfire — affects others, allowing dogs off leash, no matter how "friendly" your dog is, affects others.

Renter or owner, a financial investment was made; too many times there is no emotional warmth or attachment involved between resident and neighbors, essence of lives lived elsewhere, not in the everyday building of friendships and trust; looking out for each other.

Some of the most involved residents in our particular neighborhood have been renters — "temporary" residents who live here longer than many buyers. Why? Perhaps the buyers thought a purchase of a house was an automatic "in", the ticket to being a good neighbor. Perhaps the renter sought a home that expanded beyond the walls of a dwelling.

An astute longtime home-owner/neighbor voiced her thought: "As I walk my dogs around the neighborhood, it is unfortunate to see how depressing it looks to the students and parents, with so many boarded up homes around the Dayton's Bluff Elementary. Also, I wonder if I want to send a child to this school surrounded by so many boarded homes?"

The houses she cites are: 701 Surrey, 702 Wilson, 231 Maple, 742 Euclid, 854 Euclid, 720 Euclid, and 284 Maple. Perhaps a resurrection of the Fourth Street Preservation Project (circa 2009, 2013) could be initiated by our City Housing in conjunction with Ward 7 resources? If our city takes this up, I remind them to take the lead from residents and citizens who live in the neighborhoods of focus. No more, please, of building a plan in a city office, then making the last step an invitation to the public for their valuable "input". Trust your constituents to know what is best for them and their neighborhoods.

All photos taken by Kari Soefker



NOTICE

The *Forum* would like all our readers to know that we do not endorse anyone in politics. Just because we are not paid for a politician's ad does not mean we support that person.

We have had two politicians within the last year decide not to pay their outstanding ad invoices. The money that is owed to the *Forum* could pay for a month's worth of printing. This is why ads and donations mean so much to us!

Moving forward, we will require all businesses and anyone wanting to take out an ad in the paper to pay for it in full before going to print.

Ads will also run as they are submitted—whether they have typos, the coloring is off, photos are stretched, etc.



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Gold Line BRT Construction Update

Compiled from information provided by Metro Transit
metrotransit.org/gold-line-project

The METRO Gold Line will open on March 22, 2025. The Gold Line is one of three new BRT lines that will open next year, expanding the region's network of METRO lines that provide reliable, all-day service and stations with amenities like heated and lit shelters.

When open, the Gold Line will provide all-day, daily service between downtown St. Paul and Woodbury. Buses will travel in dedicated lanes for about 70% of the 10-mile route, serving stops in St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury. The route through the East Side of Saint Paul including Dayton's Bluff runs parallel to and north of I-94.

Road Closures, Ongoing Construction and Traffic Impacts

* Johnson Parkway is closed between Wakefield Avenue and Hudson Road underneath Interstate 94 as crews construct a bus-only bridge over Johnson Parkway.

* Mounds Station construction continues near the intersection of Mounds Boulevard and Third Street.

* Crews will install light poles and

wiring along Hudson Road between Earl Street and Griffith Street.

* Construction activities are paused at the stormwater pond near the intersection of Griffith Street and Johnson Parkway.

* Maple Street pedestrian bridge remains closed but will reopen in 2024.

* Crews are working on either end of the Maple Street pedestrian bridge.

* Hudson Road between Wilson Avenue and Maple Street closed to traffic. Local access to residences will be maintained.

* Hudson Road between Cypress Street and Maple Street is temporarily one-way only (going west).

* Hudson Road east of Frank Street to Griffith Street remains closed. Access to properties is maintained from the west to Frank Street.

* Concrete lanes adjacent to Hudson Road are future bus-only lanes for the Gold Line route. They are closed to regular vehicle traffic.

* Starting in late June crews will be pouring concrete bus lanes along Hudson Road between Wilson Avenue and Frank Street. Expect overnight construction activities and additional noise as nighttime saw-cutting occurs.

* White Bear Avenue is closed until fall 2024 between Old Hudson Road and the eastbound I-94 on- and off-ramps.

For updated information on the Gold Line project, questions, comments or concerns visit metrotransit.org/gold-line-project, email goldline@metrotransit.org or call 651-602-1919



Greg Cosimini

Gold Line construction continues on Hudson Road.



Meet the New Dayton's Bluff Library Manager, Tim Sena

Tim Sena

Hi, my name is Tim Sena, and I am the new community library manager at Dayton's Bluff Library. I come to this position with more than 20 years of library experience, all as an academic librarian helping college students doing research. I am excited about being here and getting to know the community.

I am especially excited about making sure that the library is a fun and exciting place for our community's kids and teens. Some of my favorite childhood memories are of going to the library and being greeted by name by the children's librarian. I remember sitting on a huge stuffed bear in my library's children's reading area spending hours reading books.

When I am not at the library, I enjoy spending time with my mostly adult children and gardening in my back yard and can often be found playing the most Minnesota of sports: curling.

We have some exciting free activities happening at the library this summer. The Children's Theatre Company is leading a Theatrical Makeup Design work-



shop for teens on July 29, from 1-3 p.m. Registration is required, so stop in, give us a call, or sign up online at sppl.org/events. There are also weekly drop-in Dungeons and Dragons programs and a Wednesday afternoon chess club for teens to enjoy.

On July 13, from 2-4 p.m., kids ages 12 and under can build birdhouses with a little help from Elpis Enterprises who will provide materials and know-how. We also host FunLab! every Saturday from 2:30-4 p.m. for kids ages 7-11 to explore hands-on activities and crafts. Each week is different.

Of course, Dayton's Bluff Library is always a great place for families to visit during summer break to find lots of books to read, movies to watch, or just relax. While you're here, be sure to sign up for Summer Spark for ages 0-18 to pick up free books to keep. Learn more at sppl.org/summer.

Summer Spark is supported by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library along with The Lillian Wright & C. Emil Berglund Foundation, Ecolab Foundation, Ortha Robbins Foundation, Kare11, MELSA, Minnesota State Fair, Minnesota Twins Baseball and StarTribune.

I look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Additional Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Coming to Dayton's Bluff

City of Saint Paul

Five more on-street electric vehicle charging stations will be installed on the East Side of Saint Paul at five Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station areas. Each Evie charging station will include two dual-port chargers. Construction will begin this summer.

Evie Carshare is a service of the City of Saint Paul operated by HOURCAR in Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Similar to renting a car, using a car-sharing service lets you access a vehicle without having to own one. Unlike traditional car rentals, you can pick up one of many cars parked within the service area any time of day or night.

The two new charging station locations in Dayton's Bluff will be near the Gold

Line stations at Third Street & Mounds Boulevard and Earl Street & Hudson Road. These join existing locations at Conway Street & Bates Avenue, E. Seventh Street & Bates Avenue, and Margaret Street & E. Seventh Street.

The other three new charging stations on the East Side will be located near the Gold Line stations at Wilson Avenue, & Etna Street, Old Hudson Road & Hazel Street, and Old Hudson Road & Pederson Street.

The EV Spot Network is a system of electric vehicle charging hubs throughout Saint Paul and Minneapolis that include a public electric car-sharing service (Evie). Each EV Spot includes 4-6 on-street parking spots. Most locations have two dual-port level 2 chargers, with one charger dedicated to Evie carshare and the other dedicated to public charging. A limited number of locations near regional destinations or freeways require additional parking spots in order to provide fast charging. The EV Spots also include electrical service cabinets on the boulevard, and in some cases an additional transformer cabinet.

For more information visit: stpaul.gov/projects/public-works/pw2024evgoldlinechargers

You got somethin' to say? Say it here!

The Dayton's Bluff District Forum welcomes all opinions and neighborhood anecdotes – send yours to:

daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com

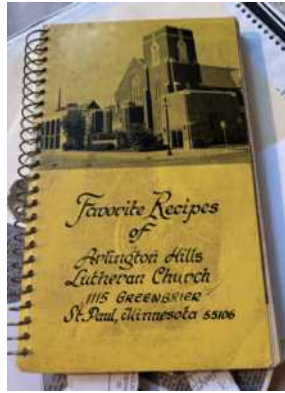
Want to write about something that interests you? We want to hear it! Submit your stories and articles to the email above.

Opinions expressed in contributed articles may not represent the views of the *Forum*.

Deadline for the August issue of the *Forum* is July 10, 2024.

Older Recipes from an East Side Church

Edited by Steve Trimble



Favorite Recipes of Arlington Hills Lutheran church 1115 Greenbrier.

There is no date, but it seems to be published in the late 1960s. Since rhubarb is up and ready to use, here are three recipes from this neighborhood cookbook.

Let us know if you made any of them or you could send in one of your rhubarb recipes.

Rhubarb Muffins

Karen Johnson

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon each, salt, soda, vanilla
- 2/3 cup salad oil
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups rhubarb, diced
- 1 cup sour milk or buttermilk
- 1/2 cup nuts (optional)

Directions:

Stir in order. Pour into muffin cups. Sprinkle over a mixture:



½ cups sugar and 1 tablespoon butter..

Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25

minutes. Greased pan, 60 minutes—cool 15 minutes before removing.

Rhubarb Coffee Cake

R. Wieken

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups brown sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cups shortening
- 1 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ cup rhubarb, finely cut

Topping:

- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon



Directions:

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and sour cream. Mix in remaining ingredients. Pour into greased and floured loaf pan. Sprinkle on topping mix.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Rhubarb Ruby

Audry Bentz

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 3 cups finely cut rhubarb
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/3 cup sweet cream
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 3 egg whites
- 6 tablespoons sugar

Topping:

Beat egg whites stiff and add 6 tablespoons sugar. Peak over baked mixture and brown out for 25 minutes.



Directions:

Mix flour and butter and pat in 20 x 10 pan. Bake 12-15 minutes at 350 degrees. Mix in separate bowl, the sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, and rhubarb. Mix in separate bowl the cream, egg yolks. Pour over sugar, flour, and rhubarb mixture. Pour whole mixture over baked crust.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Happening at the Battle Creek Rec Center in July

Martial Arts

July 6 through 27
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Students will learn about Martial Mobility which stems from foundational martial arts movements /structure for discipline and exercises for all ages.

Fee: \$30
Ages 7-18
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Harry Potter Club

July 10 through August 7
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Youth will meet up to do different Harry Potter crafts and activities.

Fee: \$5
Ages 9-15
6-7:30 p.m.

Learn How to Landscape Paint

July 12
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Come and learn the Art of Landscape Painting! Participants will learn how to paint Natural Scenery.

Fee: \$5
Ages 8-17
6-7:30 p.m.

Nature Walk Club

July 16
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Participants will explore the trails of Battle Creek.

Ages 6-17
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Make Your Own Pretzels

July 20
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Make your own yummy pretzels!!

Ages 8-14
10-11:30 a.m.

Volleyball Camp (7-10)

July 22 through 24
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Participants will work on their serving, passing, and hitting. Instructors include high school coaches and high school volleyball players. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. Bring a water bottle.

Fee: \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents
Ages 7-10
6-7:30 p.m.

Sunshine Storytime 4-H

July 22 through 26
@Battle Creek Rec Center
The curriculum will thematically combine a children's nature book centered on BIPOC characters, outdoor building skills, environment stewardship, snacks, guest speakers, and service learning.

Fee: \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents
Ages 5-13
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

STEM Experiments

July 29
@Battle Creek Rec Center
Participants will do many experiments and will get a chance to talk and figure out why or what is happening to those experiments.

Fee: \$5
Ages 10-14
5-6:30 p.m.

Volleyball Camp (11-14)

July 30 through August 1
@Battle Creek Rec Center
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Some Short Pieces of St. Paul History

Steve Trimble

Here are a few of the St. Paul events that happened in July. The diverse choices include a famous delicatessen, an unusual fight on the Fourth, a radio idol, women's history, and an early explorer. Kept to 200 words for easy reading. Feel free to send a story of your memories of July 4th in the past or on recent celebrations and include a photo if possible.



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Cecil and Faye Glickman..

July 1, 1949: Cecil and Faye Glickman established Cecil's Delicatessen at 651 S. Cleveland on this day. It was a good location because the neighborhood was home to a sizeable number of Jewish residents. Once there were a dozen delis in Highland Park, but over the years all except Cecil's disappeared.

The family started with a store of very modest size and over the past half century the building has grown while their commitment to quality products has endured for three generations. They baked all their own breads and rolls. The soups, dressings, latkes, chopped liver, and desserts were made from scratch.

The Glickmans added table service mainly because so many people who would take food home asked them to add tables and chairs. In 1963, Cecil's huge sandwiches for friends led to Cecil's Backroom.

The deli was visited by governors, mayors, Walter Matthau, and Garrison Keillor. Rudy and Lola Perpich would come here a couple times a week and didn't look at the menu. He said, "I only came here for one thing." Rudy always had a Reuben, and Lola had the Caesar Salad.

Cecil turned the deli over to his daughter and son-in-law and would still come in on Sundays, cleaning tables and chatting with customers.

July 4, 1892: An event on this day be-

came known as "the Noble Riot." Percival Noble, an Englishman residing at 258 Bates, decided to fly the British flag on a pole in front of the home on Independence Day. John DeCourcy, who lived nearby, ran to the house, pulled down the foreign banner, folded it, handed it to its owner and protested in the name of the founding fathers.

As soon as DeCourcy left, Noble sent the Union Jack up again, this time cutting the rope. DeCourcy returned and began climbing the pole. Noble attacked him with a horsewhip. Another nearby resident arrived on the scene and punched Noble in the nose. This allowed DeCourcy to seize the whip and start flailing. Noble retreated into his house. Other neighbors arrived and tore pieces off the front porch.

A squad of police on horseback arrived and a number of people were taken to the Margaret Street station. People demanded that Noble be prosecuted for defaming the Fourth of July, but there were no arrests or charges. Soon after Noble packed up and took his family to Winnipeg. One writer said, "thus was the last outpost of the British empire wiped out in the United States."

July 6, 1974: Garrison Keillor hosted the first radio broadcast of A Prairie Home Companion on this day. It was held in the Janet Wallace Auditorium of Macalester College and 12 people were in the audience. The gate totaled eight dollars. The second episode featured the first performance on the show by Butch Thompson who became house pianist and stayed on as a regular on the program.

The format of music, guest artists and Keillor monologues, including "News from Lake Wobegone" caught on and the show eventually had four million listeners on more than 600 public radio stations across the country. His many books include *Lake Wobegon Days*, *The Book of Guys*, *Pilgrims: A Wobegon Romance*, and *Guy Noir and the Straight Skinny*. He was the host of the daily program *The Writer's Almanac* and the editor of several anthologies of poetry, most recently, *Good Poems: American Places*.

In 1978, the show moved into the World Theater in St. Paul, which was renovated and renamed the Fitzgerald Theater in 1994. Keillor walked away from the show he created in 1987 but changed his mind and stepped back behind the microphone in 1989. The show traveled some, but home base still remained at the Fitzgerald Theater

July 12, 1907: The St. Paul YWCA was organized today with 1,300 charter members to provide "physical, intellectual, social, and religious uplift to the young women of the city." Their first building was constructed in 1911 on Fifth Street in downtown and included a gym, club and classrooms, an auditorium and a 100-bed residence for women.

By the 1920s YWCA St. Paul programs included education in business skills, home arts, and physical fitness. Office and meeting space was provided to the Campfire Girls, the League of Women Voters, and other organizations. In the 1940s they were active on the home front during World War II, providing support for women entering the labor force as well as support for servicemen and women through the USO.

The 1950s brought a focus on educational and recreational programs, including programming in public housing projects. There were co-ed clubs, Homemaker's Holidays, childcare, dance and young adult programs. In 1961, YWCA St. Paul opened its new facility on Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul, including rooms for women in transition, a full gym and swimming pool, gallery, gift shop, cafe and rental space for other organizations. By the 1980s YWCA St. Paul served women and children experiencing homelessness with an emergency shelter.

July 16, 1817: Major Stephen Long's expedition arrived in a six-oared skiff on this day at Kaposia village, the area that became St. Paul. It held eight soldiers and two civilian interpreters on the Mississippi River. Long was a U. S. army engineer who explored the area and did mapping. Other groups came earlier and, he may have known their experiences, but he kept a journal. He wrote "Passed a Sioux village on the right containing 14 cabins... the name of the chief is Petit Corbeau or Little Crow.

"The Indians were all absent. on a hunting party up the River St. Croix which was a little distance across country from the village...one of their cabins is finished with loopholes and situated so near the water that the opposite side of the river is within short range from the building, By this means, the Petit Courteau is able to exercise command over the passage of the river and has in some instances compelled traders to land with their goods and induced them to bestow presents of a considerable amount before he would suffer them to pass. The cabins are a kind of stockade buildings and a better appearance than any Indian dwellings I have before met with."

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