

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the  
Community"

## Before You Order the DQ Pup Cup, Read This

Mandy Okonek

The dog days of summer showed up early this year. It's only mid-July and I'm already dreaming of winter snow. Yup, I'm a lover of winter. And winter dogs. (Can you tell that I have huskies?) Anyways, thinking of frozen things on a hot summer day is not just for weirdos who love Minnesota winters, it's actually kind of a thing when it comes to getting through hot summers. Even our dogs like to cool down on a sweltering day. And for any dog owner, a Pup Cup is a special treat for your furry companion.

Before you head to Dairy Queen and order a frozen treat for your best friend, keep reading. Our East Side neighbor Kari's German Shepherd, Winona, had a real scary experience, and we don't want any more pups to get sick.

Kari has fostered dogs for over 10 years, so she's not exactly new to dogs. She is, however, new to giving her dogs Pup Cups. Kari prefers healthy treats, but on a recent hot day at the Dairy Queen on Earl Street, she picked up her first (and last) Pup Cup for Winona.

Winona loved it. She was fine for two whole days. Then, on day three, things fell apart. She threw up her kibble, whole. Then came the explosive diarrhea. She stopped eating and wouldn't touch bland food. When Winona couldn't get up off the floor, off to animal emergency they went.

Multiple tests and an ultrasound later, the vet had a diagnosis, acute pancreatitis, caused by the sugar and fat in the soft serve from the DQ Pup Cup. Winona, a 50-pound dog, spent the night at the emergency vet and came home six pounds lighter. The bill landed at \$8,000. The emergency vet told Kari that most

dogs handle a Pup Cup just fine. Most, not all. For some dogs, that little cup can turn into a very expensive, very scary week. For some dogs, it can even be fatal.

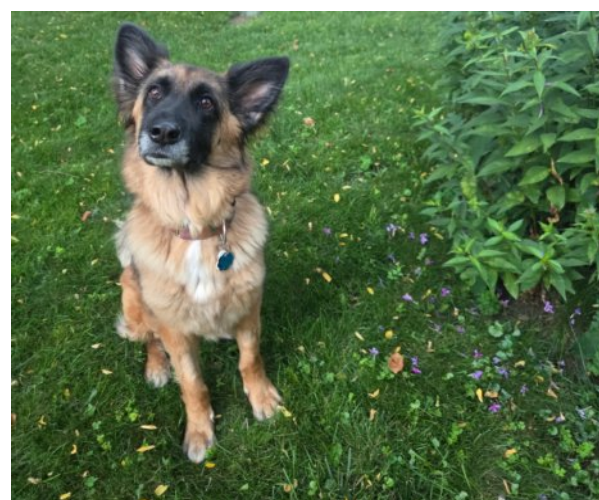
Here's the thing that surprised me while I was looking into this. The Pup Cup has been around a lot longer than most people think. It goes back to 2008, when pet rescue advocate Rocky Kanaka started handing out small cups of whipped cream to dogs at his store and coined the term "puppuccino." Starbucks became the name most people associate with it, a little cup of plain whipped cream, off-menu, free, just ask.

And that's the part worth paying attention to. Whipped cream is basically air and dairy, a couple ounces of fluff. Soft serve is real ice cream, more sugar, more fat, packed into that same little cup. That difference is what caught up with Winona, who is, like many humans, lactose intolerant.

Turns out this is a known thing, too. According to the American Kennel Club, a lot of dogs are lactose intolerant. Their bodies just don't make enough lactase, the enzyme that breaks lactose down, to handle dairy the way ours do. For some dogs that's a little gas, a soft poo, no big deal. For others, especially once fat and sugar get involved, it's a pancreas working overtime, and that's when things can go sideways fast.

Winona is still healing. She's eating and getting back on her paws. The good news is that she is going to be okay, thanks to the care and support of Kari, who also let the Earl Street Dairy Queen know what happened and asked them to put up a disclaimer, so other dog owners don't get caught off guard the way she did.

So, do treat your dog this summer, because that's what we do around here. This is a neighborhood that loves its dogs, even the howling dogs, okay, especially the howling dogs. Just please be careful with the DQ Pup Cups.



## Kellogg-Third Street Bridge Construction Update

City of St. Paul

The new Kellogg-Third Street Bridge concrete bridge deck is complete. The deck was poured in nine separate events over a span of two months. Each pour lasted over 10 hours and required around 800 cubic yards of concrete (80 ready-mix cement trucks).

The contractor (Lunda) is now pouring

concrete barriers on the new bridge deck. This work will continue through summer. The project includes nearly two miles of barriers that will protect vehicle and non-motorized traffic.

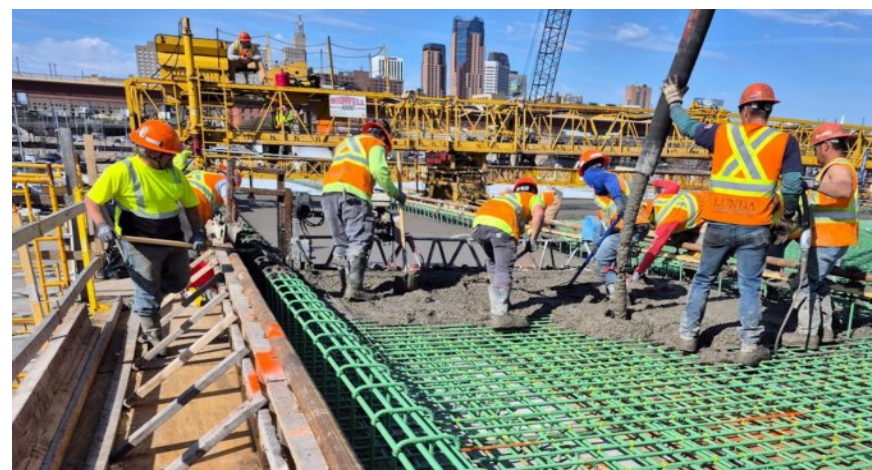
Other ongoing work on site includes installation of lighting and storm sewers.

This is the largest bridge in the city inventory at 2,100 feet long. It is the most complex bridge infrastructure that the city has undertaken in the past 20 years.

The new Kellogg-Third Street Bridge will open by fall 2027.

For more information and to see videos of various stages of construction, visit the project web page at [stpaul.gov/kellogg-3](http://stpaul.gov/kellogg-3).

*Photos provided by the City of St. Paul*



## Live, Local Music Every Wednesday at the Eagles 33 from 6-8 p.m.

Stephanie Harr

Enjoy musical accompaniment during our weekly steak night, \$10 steak dinner and \$5 burgers

Karaoke every Friday night and most Saturday afternoons.

### Thursday, July 16, 7 p.m.

PHYSICS to open festival weekend at Eagles 33.

Post-punk band PHYSICS to open festival weekend ahead of the Yacht Club Festival with friends Nancy Gross and Vice Chair.

21+, Free to attend.

Kick off the Yacht Club Festival weekend Thursday night at one of Saint Paul's best new music venues. Eagles 33 will host the event and it promises to be a

night to remember. This will be a cover-free event with music starting at 7 p.m.

**About PHYSICS:** PHYSICS is a post punk/darkwave/shoegaze band based in the Twin Cities. Influences include the Cure, David Bowie, Viagra Boys, the Velvet Underground, Dry Cleaning, Automatic, Interpol Nightbus, and David Lynch. PHYSICS songs are atmospheric sketches of history, revenge, and resilience.

### Saturday, July 18, 7 p.m., no cover

Summer Music Showcase #2

7 p.m. Trevor McSpadden

8 p.m. the New Riverboat Ramblers

9 p.m. Elour

### Saturday, August 1, 7 p.m., no cover

Summer Music Showcase #3

7 p.m. Dear Carcass

8 p.m. Ditch Pigeon

9 p.m. TBD

Letter to the Editor

I'm supporting Rebecca Noecker for Ramsey County Commissioner. I've come to know Rebecca over the years from her work on the St. Paul City Council. While I haven't always agreed with her on a particular issue, I think I share the experience of many that she always does the work, knows her stuff, communicates openly, and cares about her community. These traits will allow her to be an excellent County Commissioner. Ramsey County needs to get better at providing services to our residents and integrating its services more smoothly with those of the City. Rebecca is well-posi-

tioned to do both of these things, with her knowledge of where the gaps currently are and her willingness to get down to the details of the work. Whenever I have asked Rebecca about an issue facing our community, I've been impressed with her command of the details and her willingness to acknowledge and reckon with other points of view. That's all you can ask of a public official— that they are responsive to questions, respectful of alternate viewpoints, and honest about where they stand and why. I think Rebecca's knowledge, experience, and community values will make her an exceptional county commissioner.

Eric Foster, Dayton's Bluff resident



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Friends of Swede Hollow

If you have a passion for history and preserving nature, please join us for our monthly meeting. Meetings will be held at the East Side Eagles Club at 287 Maria Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Next meeting: **August 11**. Meetings are an excellent resource for park updates and events. For more updates, email Michel at [friends.swedehollow@gmail.com](mailto:friends.swedehollow@gmail.com), follow us on Facebook, or visit [friendsofswedehollow.org](http://friendsofswedehollow.org).

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 **Thursday, August 6 at 10 a.m.** If you'd like to attend, email [daytons-bluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytons-bluffdistrictforum@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](http://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. Police meetings are held at **9 a.m. and 6 p.m.** on the third Tuesday of each month. Bring your neighbors! Call Robyn Brewin at 651-266-5580 or email [RobynBrewin@StPaul.gov](mailto:RobynBrewin@StPaul.gov) to ensure the meetings have not been canceled.

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.

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, or 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 meeting on **August 17 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, and open discussion with your neighbors and board members are on the schedule. Looking forward to seeing you and serving 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](http://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.**



Visit [moundstheatre.org](http://moundstheatre.org) for more information and to purchase tickets. The Historic Mounds Theatre is located

at 1029 Hudson Road, St. Paul, MN 55106; 651-772-2253; [historicmoundstheatre@gmail.com](mailto: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.**



Apply for Homestead Classification Online

Ramsey County's new online homestead application portal is now open. Property owners can easily apply for homestead classification through the county's Smart-File system at [RamseyCountyMN.gov/homestead](http://RamseyCountyMN.gov/homestead). Homestead classification may provide a property tax reduction for residents who own and occupy their home as their primary residence. Applicants can create an account to complete the online application, upload required documents, and receive updates about their submission. Residents should be prepared to provide proof of ownership and occupancy as part of the process. Processing times may vary based on application volume. For questions or assistance, contact the Assessor's Office at 651-266-2040 or [askhomesteads@ramseycounty.us](mailto:askhomesteads@ramseycounty.us).



# View From My Porch

## You Don't Know My Neighborhood—Or My Community

Sage Holben

In conversation with a city or county employee, the person sometimes says “Yes, I know your neighborhood” in response to a comment I have made concerning my neighborhood. I stopped accepting their mindless comments and asked them when they last visited the area and what they had experienced. As one person from the Heritage Preservation office said, “11 a.m. on a weekday” and she saw nothing of parking issues or behaviors we had spoken of in a previous conversation. My reply to her was “at 11 a.m. drug dealers were asleep, kids were at school, and people with jobs were at work.”

Why do people believe they “know” an area of town just because they pass through it on a route once or twice a week or even a day, or they read a city report and measure a community against isolated events? Events when seen as isolated are usually what the public accepts. Layered, one upon the other, they tell an interesting backstory of a neighborhood; of a community. Given isolated incidents with no backstory, wrongly allows an outsider to the community to fill in the blanks with their own fiction, a bigger problem if being written in, say, a police report. Yes, the facts to be recorded are what the officer sees or hears himself/herself. And if a resident called in to report loud partying at 10 p.m. on a Wednesday the report may read: “...good ordinary citizens just enjoying the beautiful weather sitting outside with small children. Advised to enjoy the evening and make sure kiddos are not running around in the street. No crime.”

The complaint made was not for a crime. It was for the ongoing issue of loud music. Saint Paul has a noise ordinance regarding what is “loud” and unwanted and a 50-foot legal distance—especially needed when your neighbor's house is three or five feet away and she is working from home (not in need of a job or “getting” a life as one officer suggested might solve her problem).

“Ongoing” is a key word here. On one end is “ongoing behavior”. On the other end is “chronic caller”. Each party and the responding officer can cringe at either.

Let’s get this straight: my community is a mix of everything including ethnicity, color, race, income, employment, family make-up, renter or owner, choice of pets and music, transportation, and even the quality of our hearing.

We also, like any neighborhood, have varying thoughts of what we want in a neighborhood. Maybe you or I don’t want to be an active part of the community. That doesn’t mean how we live doesn't affect others. Today's neighborhoods and communities are not like the 1899 or 1950, People don’t all work at 3-M or Whirlpool; we are not bound together by the same religion or faith, or personal history, or even the three generations any longer. We have different ways of celebrating; of food and its aromas; of dressing; of parenting. If what and how we live differs from our neighbors, there is no right or wrong to it.

However, are we also, with each other, sharing our consideration of our neighbor’s work shifts, severe illnesses, PTSD? Have we talked with our community members about “splitting the difference” in timing of our loud music or partying, or reminding our visitors that having a meet-up in the middle of 4th Street with cars running, radios blasting, and shouting from car to loud-muffled car at 12:30 a.m. is not restful. Can the parent of the screeching three-year old fill us in on how we can help by being an Auntie to our neighbor kids?

It was several months ago that I chafed at others’ perceptions of my neighborhood. A traffic officer said about my intersection that he preferred giving warnings to drivers he caught speeding and/or running the four-way stop. In the past he had told me that records of warnings were not retained I had asked how an officer knows how many warnings a particular driver had accumulated up to any point. When I pushed a bit, I was told “most of the offenders were from your neighborhood, Sage.” I don’t know what this officer considered a “neighborhood”. Was it one or two blocks? A certain number of residences? Was it half of Ward 7? Precinct 1? He quickly changed the direction of the meeting’s conversation. And actually, that was the last meeting, as he transferred elsewhere—never having lived in the East Side.

What I would say to that officer is: “If all these drivers were actually my neighbors, which I strongly doubt, I think they *should* be ticketed. If they live so close they should be aware of the safety and dangers our neighborhood children face on the streets and the many semis, work

trucks and vehicles that cut through on Bates—some at highway speed coming off Third Street.”

I vary my language between the use of “neighborhood” and “community”. More recently I realize a difference; neighborhood as being an assemblage of people within homes or businesses; people with no obvious personal or semi-personal supporting connection to each other. They may be bound by certain tacit rules, and often with little “buy-in” by most. “Neighborhood” reminds me of when I was unionizing in the Hamlake area several decades ago. No sidewalks or paths connecting houses. No people mingling outside (I was there late Saturday). Out of curiosity, I asked several homeowners how and how often they mingled with their neighbors. Most said never or almost never. Largely, they came home from work, drove into the garage, went into the house, and went to their yard to use the grill or mow the lawn. Maybe they would see a neighbor then—using their grill, but not to have a conversation. I define a “community” as a group. It could be a number of people who meet anywhere on a continuing basis with a common interest. They are connected by common interests, act on each others’ behalf, and communicate on a fairly regular basis among each other. Their involvement benefits their common good: environment, safety, psychological, and physical health.

Everyone deserves and has a right to a healthy and safe environment. These two essentials are key to a strong, thriving, nurturing community. How *healthy* and *safe* are defined by the residents may be contradicted or de-emphasized by city administrators who do not live in my neighborhood, my community, or even in my city.

**Are your eyes wide open?**

I am aware of elected individuals who represent my area of the East Side—lower Dayton’s Bluff—and have not appeared to have comprehended how the various East Side neighborhoods differ. Some look at Highview, Railroad Island, Johnson Parkway, and do not see the distinctions: distinctions in buildings and architecture; the distinctions in people and their personalities, thoughts of the future and how they see their place in where they live and work. They don’t acknowledge or SEE what the boarded windows and doors on the abandoned houses stand as if in graveyards around Dayton’s Bluff Elementary School and empty playground. What do our children see—the few that use the playground?

I am aware that many city, state, or county employees who work in my community, but don’t live here, see it as some have said to me, when I have asked what they like about the East Side, “It’s a place to work.” I ask again, “what do you like about the East Side?” Same answer. Nothing else. What a sad commentary to follow the 2016 award-winning *Fourth Street Preservation Project*, revitalizing a number of historic Fourth Street homes and attracting buyers new to the area. Many of the new home owners came because they read or heard of individuals or activities in the area.

**The Personal Side**

I’m not from Dayton’s Bluff; or the East Side. I’m not even from Minnesota. I moved here in January of 1999 to take a position at Metropolitan State University Library. I have lived at the same address for 25 of those years—as a renter. I have served as an AFSCME steward, worked for and represented my DFL precinct and district, served on my District Council Board, and have been an active doer in my local community.

I say this to let you know I have gotten to know quite a cross-section of individuals. I observe that the East Side, particularly Dayton’s Bluff and Payne-Phalen ‘aren’t for everyone’ as the phrasing goes. And though I am not a born and bred East Sider, that appeals to me. Grit. Perhaps a word as antiquated as I am. It is a word that makes my skin tingle with its concept of inner strength and courage. Of being able to stand up to epithets and sneers about living in Dayton’s Bluff. Not holding on to the old or being “out of step” as some would say. But lifting up with pride, my community, the people who live around me—whether we agree or not. We essentially appreciate each other. Some need a helping hand, a little push, but we ARE a unique community; we are bonded in a way you will never know—if you don’t live among us. You don’t know us or our grit when you simply drive though or hand out a warning to a speeder; or paint over our intersection art instead of helping us with a calming circle, or examine the broken, heaving sidewalks and tell us they might be repaired in two more years. I am so proud to claim Saint Paul, specifically Dayton’s Bluff as my home. I am so grateful to know the multitudes of individuals who live and work here, leading with their hearts and working with their hands and minds, embracing all that is good and making better what isn’t. And if you don’t live here, you have no idea what I am saying.

# Come Celebrate National Night Out with Us

## August 4, 6-8 p.m.



Where: Upper Swede Hollow Park, 665 Greenbrier St.

Sponsored by Friends of Swede Hollow Neighborhood Committee and local businesses throughout Dayton’s Bluff.

We’ll have: food and beverages, games and face painting, visits from local police and fire personnel. Children will have the opportunity to experience emergency vehicles up close with great photo ops.

Bring a chair and enjoy a summer evening with friends and neighbors.

# 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 September issue of the *Forum***  
**August 10**

Celebrate the Last of Summer at Your Library

Dayton's Bluff Library

Savor the final stretch of summer with fun, flavor, and festivity at Saint Paul Public Library's Summer Celebration! We're celebrating the reading and learning Saint Paul kids and teens have done all summer long — and everyone's invited. **Summer Reader Celebration** Saturday, August 15 at 2 – 4 p.m. Rondo Community Library at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, 270 N Kent St.

Drop in anytime for an afternoon of arts and crafts, outdoor activities, face painting, sweet treats, and a performance by Siam's Congo Roots. Don't forget to pick up your free Summer Spark book to take home while you're here! **More Events at Dayton's Bluff Library**  
**Organix Wire Sculptures – Wednesday, August 12 @ 2 – 4 p.m.** Turn wire into wildlife in this hands-on workshop with Caponi Art Park  
**Art Class: Screen printed Book Bags – Monday, August 17 @ 6 – 7:30 p.m.** Try something new every month at our art class for adults.  
**Code Savvy – Saturday, August 22 @ 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Introducing students ages 8+ to the exciting world of computer science.  
**Adult Dungeons and Dragons – Thursday, August 20 @ 6 – 8 p.m.** Now on Thursdays! Every third Thursday, play D&D – open to first time adventurers and seasoned dungeoneers.  
**Game Night! - Thursday, August 27 @ 5 – 7 p.m.** All ages welcome to play video, card, or board games with us!  
**FunLab – Saturdays @ 2:30-4 p.m.** Drop in to hang out and make cool stuff at FunLab!, a STEAM program designed for ages 7-11.  
**Teens Tuesdays (D&D, Teens Know Best, Teens Writers Guild) – Tuesdays @ 6:30 – 8 p.m.** Find more events at [sppl.org/events](http://sppl.org/events).



Road Construction Updates

City of Saint Paul and MnDOT

**Earl Street Reconstruction Phase 1**  
Earl Street between Maryland Avenue and Minnehaha Avenue will be reconstructed in 2026. This is a full reconstruction, meaning it will completely rebuild the road. It will include work on water and sewer, land grading, adding curbs and gutters, improving drainage, paving the street, installing signs and lights, landscaping, and improving the sidewalks and bikeway connections.  
Phase 2 Reconstruction of Earl Street from Minnehaha Avenue to Burns Avenue will begin in Spring 2027  
For more information and updates on the Earl Street Reconstruction project visit [stpaul.gov/Earl Street](http://stpaul.gov/Earl Street)  
**Highway 5/East 7th Street and Highway 61/Arcade Street**  
In March 2025, MnDOT began the two-year reconstruction project along East 7th St. and Arcade St. between I-94 in St. Paul and Roselawn Ave. in Maplewood. Construction on East 7th St. will occur during the 2026 construction season.

When complete, the new roadway will improve traffic flow, decrease traffic delays and improve safety on the road.  
Arcade St. is closed in both directions between Neid Ln. and Margaret St. through late summer. Detour: Case Ave. and Payne Ave. Traffic crossing Arcade St. is open at the following locations: Neid Lane, Reaney Avenue, Minnehaha Avenue, East 7th Street and Margaret Street.  
Lane Closures: Monday, July 6 through late October - East 7th St. is reduced to one lane in both directions between Mounds Blvd. and I-94. Through late October - East 7th St. is reduced to one lane in both directions between Minnehaha Ave. and Mounds Blvd.  
For more informatics and updates on this project visit [dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/e7th-arcade/index.html](http://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/e7th-arcade/index.html)  
**Payne Avenue Pedestrian Intersection Improvements**  
The city will make pedestrian intersection improvements on Payne Avenue to make intersections more accessible for pedestrians. This includes the construction of updated pedestrian ramps, bumpouts (curb extensions), and pedestrian medians.  
Locations: Intersections on Payne Avenue include Rose Avenue, Geranium Avenue, Jessamine Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, Cook Avenue, Lawson Avenue, Jenks Avenue, Case Avenue, Sims Avenue, York Avenue, and Whittall Street.  
Construction is anticipated to begin in August 2026, likely by mid-August. Construction in 2026 is anticipated to be done on Payne Avenue between Maryland Avenue and Case Avenue to coordinate with nearby construction projects and detours. Case Avenue will remain open in 2026 and will not have construction. Case Avenue will continue to be the detour route for MnDOT's Arcade Street closure.  
Half medians will be constructed at Rose Avenue and Whittall Street. Full Medians will be constructed at Jessamine Avenue, Lawson Avenue and York Avenue. Bumpouts will be constructed at Sims Avenue, Case Avenue, Jenks Avenue, Cook Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, and Geranium Avenue.  
Construction in 2027 will be done on Payne Avenue between Case Avenue and Phalen Boulevard and include any other work not completed in 2026. Business and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout construction.  
For more informatics and updates on this project visit [stpaul.gov/projects/publicworks/pw2026payneintersectionimprovements](http://stpaul.gov/projects/publicworks/pw2026payneintersectionimprovements)

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Friends of the Forum

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. Each issue costs around \$1,000 to produce per month. We have found a new printer and have adjusted the cost to print each month.**

For the past three years we have been soliciting donations through our Friends of the *Forum* program. Thanks to the donations from 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 below. Any amount is appreciated; you may also make memorial donations, or include the *Forum* in your legacy planning. If you have been our Friend in the past, please consider making a tax-deductible donation in 2026. Our goal for 2026 is \$2,500; will you help us reach our goal?

Yes, I will become a Friend of the Forum. My tax-deductible check is enclosed, for:

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