

# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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"The Voice of the Community"

## Are You Ready to Say Goodbye to the *Forum*?

Forum Staff

Are you ready to say goodbye to the *Forum*? Sadly, we're not either, but it has come to the point where we are no longer receiving enough donations or ads to stay in print — whether that's online or printing occasionally.

We have decided that this June issue will be our last-ever printed issue, unless by some miracle, businesses and kind community members are willing to keep up with funding the newspaper.

Each month we print costs around \$1,200. Our goal is to start printing quarterly until we are able to print monthly again.

Our first *Forum* was in October 1982. Through the hard work of volunteer writers, the *Forum* quickly became "The Voice of the Community". Over the years, we have had passionate writers who want to showcase just how much our community comes together. We have staff who make it a goal every month to write about the events and happenings

going on in the area.

When we do print, we are greeted by community members who make it a point to let us know that they missed our newspaper or are so excited to see we are still here!

Throughout the past several years, the *Forum's* funding has slowed. Businesses either cannot afford it or are advertising elsewhere and donations have stopped completely.

We are a nonprofit newspaper and solely rely on the generosity of our community

— whether that is a monthly donation or businesses taking out ads.

Please don't make this our "goodbye issue". We are not ready to say goodbye, but we cannot continue to move forward with the little funds we are receiving.

Visit page 12 to see how you can help — become a Friend of the *Forum* or volunteer your time to submit some community content for future issues.

JULY 16, 1992 — 8:01 P.M. —

### Historic Designation Makes Dayton's Bluff Newest and Largest Heritage Preservation District

History was made at 8:01 p.m., July 16, 1992, as the St. Paul City Council approved, without dissent, designating Dayton's Bluff as the city's newest and largest heritage preservation district.

Designation was a goal of the Historic Dayton's Bluff Association, which first united behind the idea four years ago. Little did we know at the time that there would be so many twists and turns on the road to success.

Along the way, HDBA has made many friends. Some live nearby, like the new homeowners, longtime residents and renters who are active members of the group. Some live far

away, like the thousands of visitors who have attended our annual Historic Home Tour.

**In Many Ways the Work Has Just Begun**

It's time to take a bow for all the time and effort you've invested to help the neighborhood achieve recognition for its unique and varied past. Soon, everyone will know about the rich architectural and cultural heritage of our area.

In many ways, the work has just begun: Designation has already brought new interest in the historic homes of Dayton's Bluff, and undoubtedly will spur attendance for this fall's tour. We can expect a surge in membership for HDBA, as well.

The designation of Dayton's Bluff as the city's fifth preservation district officially takes effect next month; join us next week for a final "pre-district" meeting to discuss the exciting times ahead!

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## DAYTON'S 'BLUFF DISTRICT FORUM

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#### Dayton's Bluff NNO Was A Big Success

### LAW AND DISORDER ON THE BLUFF

By Tim Overes

William Hamm, the 29-year-old millionaire brewer, was taken to the St. Paul Police Department on Monday night after being arrested for a \$100,000 ransom. The ransom was paid for Hamm, who was held for 11 days. The ransom was paid for Hamm, who was held for 11 days.

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#### RANSOM MONEY PAID FOR HAMM; EXPECT RELEASE THIS WEEK

December marks the 10th anniversary of the Dayton's Bluff "Take a Hike" program. The program is designed to help residents of the neighborhood become more involved in the community. The program is designed to help residents of the neighborhood become more involved in the community.

#### FORUM Deadline December 15th

#### MAYOR SCHEIBEL ANNOUNCES 1993 MAYOR'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOR CHILDREN

## Art in the Hollow 2026: Art, Community, Nature

Benjamin Mason

There is a simplicity in the mission of Art in the Hollow, and it can be distilled down to the promotion of these three things: *art, community, and nature*. Our East Side festival has never made complicated decisions about whether to make extra money instead of supporting the community or the young artists participating in their first festival. We've never been tempted to set up somewhere more convenient. We are a festival that invites people to our spacious, natural park to support the East Side community and all the artists who show up to deliver a spectacular welcome to the summer!

Neighbors near and far are welcome to come down to the hollow and join us Saturday, June 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. for art, music, food, and good company. Sweet Hollow Park will be festooned with tents full of art from the brewery gates, past Swedenhenge, and stretching halfway to the 7th Street arches. If you haven't seen the park decorated for the festival before, you shouldn't miss it. Food trucks will serve festival goers above the Drewry

Tunnel, and St Paul Brewing will host more artists in the courtyard between its entrance and the big parking lot. A team of golf carts will be on hand if you want a little help getting around.

There's always something different and new to check out each festival. This year, like every planning season, there are ambitious attempts to expand the fun. St Paul Brewing is hoping to offer specialty Art in the Hollow brews in a "beer garden" environment alongside the art in the courtyard. The special brews—yet to be determined—will celebrate the history of the park and its community.

That history is also a key ingredient of the festival. Never has it been as important as it is now to remember how our community was founded and enriched by waves of immigrants who moved into the hollow, which had long served as a Native corridor. You can learn as much history as you'd like from the Friends of Swede Hollow history booth and from the Indigenous Roots performers at the Central Stage.

Whether you appreciate the nature, the community, the music, or the art most of all, Art in the Hollow will appear for you in the morning hours of June 6th and offer you your fill of local culture!

**Art in the Hollow will be held in Swede Hollow Park, 720 Payne Ave, St Paul, on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



## Possible Curb Appeal Ideas

5th Street Resident  
Special to the Forum

Curb Appeal!!! We've all seen it...You're driving down the street and all of a sudden your eye is drawn to a beautiful house. You think "Isn't that lovely?!"

What gives that house a "Wow!" factor? What did the owner do to make their home stand out? It doesn't just happen. Here are some possibilities.

First of all, it could be the front door! It should be noticeable. If the house is light gray or beige try a navy, burgundy, or a charcoal painted front door. If it's white, try a dark green. Pick a color you like! Then add a wreath and welcome mat to the front door to welcome people. Also add large potted plants on each side of the front door. Try adding new light fixtures or use low voltage lighting by the

front door.

Maybe try adding window shutters to the front of the house or repaint the existing ones. How does the window trim look? Does it need painting?

Check the siding. Maybe the siding just needs a washing? If you're repainting the house, choose a color that works well with the shingle color. If you don't know what color to paint your house, try driving around a neighborhood you like and simply copy the house colors you like. You can also get lots of color combination ideas from pamphlets at a paint store.

A great way to add curb appeal is to add plastic edging around landscaped beds. Curved lines usually work best. Buy fresh wood chips.

Shrubs and bushes make a huge difference! You could also try adding window boxes for flowers!

If you have a front porch, add outdoor furniture such as a table and two chairs. And for a final touch, spray paint the mailbox.

Even just one or two of these ideas can make a big impact.



## 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: **June 9.**

Meetings are an excellent resource for park updates and events. For more updates, email Michel at friends.swedehollow@gmail.com, follow us on Facebook, or visit 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 **Friday, June 5 at 11 a.m.**

If you'd like to attend, email [daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbluffdistrictforum@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



## Friends of Swede Hollow Making a Difference on the East Side for Over 50 Years

Our group would like to thank the Dayton's Bluff District Forum for many years of supporting our efforts and for joining us in bringing the community together. Through the selflessness of your members and fierce pride you have for the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood and the Eastside of St. Paul, you have kept us connected to our past, the present and each other.

## The Forum is Hiring an Ad Manager!

The Dayton's Bluff District Forum is hiring! We are looking to add an integral member to our team as we expand and grow our community news source through advertising sales.

This is the perfect opportunity for students with a graphic design, business, or marketing background or degree.

Hours are flexible and training will be provided. Compensation is a generous

25% commission per ad, per month. Experience creating ads is a bonus, but not necessary. Ad manager will be paid once the ad is paid.

If you are looking for gaining experience in advertising or community engagement, please send a short email with your qualifications to [daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com), for consideration in this exciting opportunity.



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 **Monday, June 15 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, 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.**



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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; [historicismoundstheatre@gmail.com](mailto:historicismoundstheatre@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).



## Forever Young At Heart!

*Tanáǵiday Tó Wiy*

Isaac and Jose Garcia Jr. grew up in the Dayton's Bluff area and experienced a deep sense of gratitude for their neighbors. As proud East Siders, the brothers have always been driven by wanting to give back to their community.

The start of 2026 proved to be more challenging than ever here in Minnesota. The brothers decided to connect with local partners involved in creating mutual aid for families needing support. The amount of love and kindness from their East Side neighbors was beyond gracious and overwhelmingly beautiful.

Investing in all community members as relatives was instilled in them at a young age being raised in their Native American culture. Now as young men, their commitment to helping the community and working together has grown tremendously.

In March of 2026 Jose and Isaac decided to create a business together. This new venture was rooted in making a good impact, honoring the Earth, and still upholding their core values of building a stronger community through compassion.

On April 12 they cut the ribbon on their

new vintage, thrift & gift store Forever Young VTG located at the Wells Fargo Place Building in downtown Saint Paul.

Forever Young VTG is all about affordability, sustainability, and catering to the needs of the community. The goal is to bring quality goods at affordable prices while reducing landfill waste and contributing back to the community as a whole. Some of the cool items you will find at the store are retro vintage fashion, nostalgic toys, collectables, media, décor, and home goods.

It is their hope to create a space where different generations can come together and share memories, creating a nostalgic vibe, with hidden gems in every corner and where everyone feels welcome!

They hope you stop by the store to say hello, share a story, and do a little treasure hunting for yourself.

For store hours and upcoming events please visit Forever Young VTG on social media.

**Forever Young  
Vintage, Thrift & Gift  
30 7th St E #220  
Saint Paul MN 55101  
(Located on the corner of Wabasha  
and 7th Street)**

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*Photos to the right provided by  
Tanáǵiday Tó Wiy*



## East Sider, Kaliyah Amar'e Weddington to Compete in Wisconsin for America's Little Miss Pageant in August

*Compiled by Allison Lund-Zalewski*

One-year-old Kaliyah Amar'e Weddington represented Saint Paul, Minnesota in America's Little Miss pageant in March.

Kaliyah won nine awards: Baby Miss Minnesota Title, Baby Miss St. Paul Title, People's Choice Award, Glamour Girl Award, Photogenic Award, Prettiest Smile Award, Prettiest Hair Award, Diamond Award, and Pinkalicious Runway

Award.

Kaliyah will be competing for the national title in Wisconsin this August.

*Photo below provided by D'Marie Weddington.*



# Dayton's Bluff District Forum

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Interested in keeping up with hot news? Send your email address to [daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com) and request to subscribe to the *Forum* every month.

Even if we don't print every month, there will be an online issue.

## Community Fun Day at the Dayton's Bluff Library

*Metro State University*

Metro State University Library and Learning Center and the Dayton's Bluff branch of the Saint Paul Public Library invite community members to join them on **Saturday, June 27** for activities, food, and entertainment for the whole family. Free and open to the community!

Activities will include a puppet show performed by **Open Eye Theatre**, a face painter, lawn games, food, music, and more! **Activities begin at 2:00 p.m. / Puppet show at 4:00 p.m.** The library is located at 645 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, with the lawn and community labyrinth on the south-west side of the building.

This year's Open Eye Theatre show will be *Tucker's Robot*. Synopsis: Tucker is a bright but self-doubting young boy who must go back in time to learn how to face his fears. How do you go back in time? With a time-traveling robot of course! Together, Tucker and his robot discover the importance of friendship on the journey to boldly being yourself! Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket to relax and enjoy the festivities.

In the event of inclement weather, **Community Fun Day** and the puppet show will be held inside the library. If you need disability-related accommodations, including parking, to make this event accessible, please contact the Center for Accessibility Resources, 651-793-1549 or [Accessibility.Resources@metrostate.edu](mailto:Accessibility.Resources@metrostate.edu).

For more information, visit <https://libguides.metrostate.edu/CommunityFunDay>

# Community Fun Day!

**LIVE PUPPET SHOW - FOOD  
LAWN GAMES - CRAFTS FOR TEENS  
FACE PAINTING - GIVEAWAYS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

**ACTIVITIES BEGIN  
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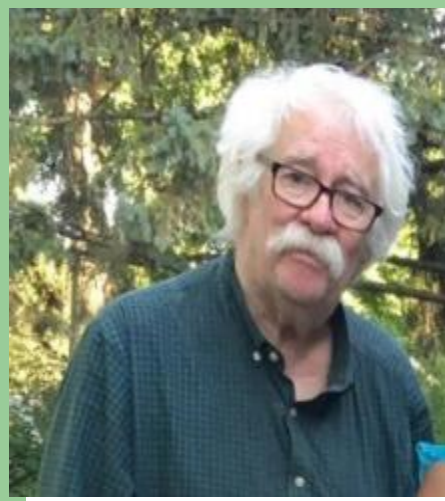
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## We Want More Writers!

Interested in becoming a staff member or monthly contributor to our newspaper?

Email [daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com](mailto:daytonsbluffdistrictforum@gmail.com) or attend one of our monthly meetings for more information.

You don't have to be a professional writer to contribute—we just want community writers and content.

We want: poems, your life stories, photos, recipes, and more!

July and August issues will be online only, but we hope to print quarterly if funds allow.



**Michel Taylor**

Staff, Director of Friends of Swede Hollow



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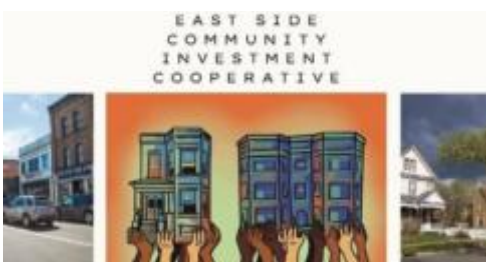
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## East Side Community Investment Cooperative (ESCIC) Now Open for Membership

*Stephanie Harr*

Introducing the East Side Community Investment Co-operative (ESCIC), an opportunity for real people to invest in local real estate. And now, ESCIC is officially open for membership.

ESCIC is a community-driven initiative focused on equitable development, neighborhood ownership, and long-term community wealth building. Rooted in the belief that strong neighborhoods are built collectively, the cooperative gives residents an opportunity to directly invest in and help shape the future of the



East Side.

Founded in 2022 by community organizations to put real estate investment power in the hands of East Side community members, their mission is to acquire sites for community preservation and growth with emphasis on local democratic input and control. ESCIC uses pooled capital to purchase and manage real estate on the East Side of Saint Paul — prioritizing properties that create community benefit, affordable housing, and neighborhood stability.

At its core, ESCIC is about creating a resilient, self-determined East Side where future generations can thrive.

East Side residents and Minnesota community members purchase shares in ESCIC. Every dollar invested stays in the community and goes toward acquiring and managing local real estate. Learn more and become a member at: [escic.coop/](http://escic.coop/).

**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](mailto: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 July issue of the *Forum* June 10**

**The Gordon Parks Gallery Presents Farewell Tour: Sculptural Work by Erica Spitzer Rasmussen**

*Metro State University*

Metro State University and the Gordon Parks Gallery are proud to present a major retrospective exhibition of the sculptural work of acclaimed artist Professor Erica Spitzer Rasmussen, honoring her nearly three decades of rigorous studio practice, transformative teaching, and visionary institutional leadership.

The exhibit opened with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. The show will continue through June 25. Gallery hours are 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. The gallery is located on the first floor of Metro State's Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, at the University's Saint Paul Campus.

The exhibition features Rasmussen's signature paper sculptures, including her striking shoe forms and boldly constructed neckwear, alongside garment-based works such as capes, jackets, and bustiers that evoke the body while functioning as autonomous sculptural objects. Also included are her handmade books—intimate works that function as a homage to family, memory, and the rituals of care. In a significant new development within her practice, the exhibition premieres collaborative video projects that demonstrate how her books are dimensional, kinetic objects.

This retrospective also celebrates Rasmussen's 29-year tenure at Metro State University, where she has shaped generations of artists and provided essential leadership as Director of the Gordon Parks Gallery, advancing its mission as a

vital site for contemporary art, critical dialogue, and community engagement.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Metro State University has launched the Erica Spitzer Rasmussen Endowed Scholarship for Studio Arts, with a goal of raising \$25,000 to support future students. This endowment honors Rasmussen's enduring commitment to access, mentorship, and artistic excellence.

To contribute to the scholarship, please give online at: [www.metrostate.edu/give](http://www.metrostate.edu/give), and select "Erica Spitzer Rasmussen Scholarship for Studio Arts" in the gift designation drop-down menu.

**Artist Bio:**

Erica Spitzer Rasmussen is an artist who creates handmade paper garments and small editions of hand-bound books. She received her BFA and MFA from the University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), including coursework in Mexico and Greece. Her current work explores family stories and issues of identity. Rasmussen is a recipient of the 2018 Minnesota Book Artist Award and various grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board (2018, 2015, 1999). Other professional highlights include a papermaking residency in Salzburg, Austria (2025), bookbinding residencies in Venice, Italy (2024, 2022, 2018, 2016), a solo exhibition in Mexico City, Mexico (2012), and a residency in Vienna, Austria (2010).

Her work has been featured in such magazines as *FiberArts*, *Surface Design Journal*, *American Craft* and *Hand Papermaking*. Her artwork is exhibited internationally, and it resides in such collections as the National Museum of Women in the Arts (Washington, DC), Harvard Libraries (Boston, MA), the Library of Congress (Washington, DC), Bainbridge Island Museum of Art (Washington State), the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Minneapolis, MN), the Minnesota History Center (St. Paul, MN), Ripley's Believe it or Not! Museum (Hollywood, CA), Stanford University Libraries (Stanford, CA), and the Biblioteca Nazionale Braidense (Milan, Italy). [ericaspitzerrasmussen.com](http://ericaspitzerrasmussen.com)



*The Prophet of Produce, handmade paper w/chest hair, 2026*

**Events Happening at Saint Paul Eagles Club #33**

*Stephanie Harr*

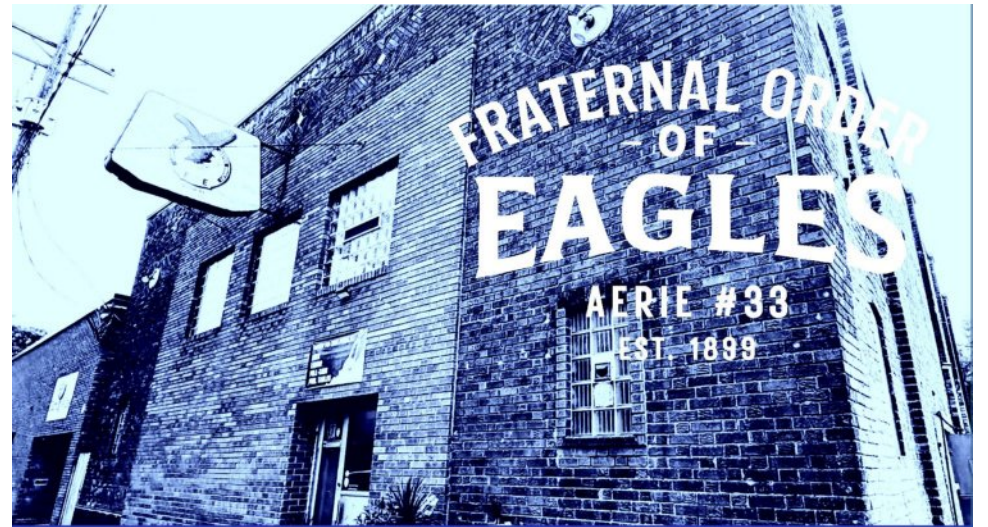
- Live music from the Get Down Mondays on Saturday, June 6 at 7 p.m. (no cover)
- Summer Live Music Showcase on Saturday, June 13 at 7 p.m. (no cover)
- Back to the 50s Karaoke on Friday June 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- Break the Bubble happy hour on Friday, June 26 at 4:30 p.m.
- Eagles Prom on Saturday, May 30 at 7 p.m.
- Dart League every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
- Steak night and live music every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.
- Karaoke every Friday night starting at 7:30 p.m., and every Saturday starting at noon

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Next issue: July. **Deadline for content June 10.**

## Living in Nature on Saint Paul's East Side — Our Achievements and Challenges

Kathy Sidles

I have enjoyed being retired and having more time to learn about and help with some of the natural area and gardening projects on the East Side. I see that when trash is picked up and native plants are restored. We remain hosts to the endangered Rusty-patched Bumblebee. I have seen over 200 of them here on the East Side, with training through the University of Minnesota ATLAS program and my pictures verified at Bumblebee Watch and iNaturalist. I also see the migrating birds stop at these natural areas to take a rest and find food, and we can enjoy their presence. I see that our human lives — and gardens — are made richer and safer when we live with top predators like hawks and owls, and with pollinators, and deep-rooted plants that help prevent floods and keep the air cooler. With natural areas remaining in our hilly river city, we can still have these things.

Many groups on the East Side are working to improve green spaces, helping residents put in gardens, and making it easy to learn about the plants and animals that we live with. We also have three big challenges.

Here are some details about projects in the Dayton's Bluff and Payne-Phalen area that I am familiar with. I hope we can continue the projects that are working and address the projects that face challenges. I hope we can do this in ways that show care for natural areas and wildlife corridors in our neighborhood and that help us learn to live within and not instead of nature.

### WHAT IS WORKING!

**The Wakan Tipi Center** will have its Grand Opening on Friday, May 29. The Center will be a place to honor the sacred caves in the area and to be a gathering place. Wakan Tipi offers many events to help us learn about the natural area we live in. Watch their Gifts of the Plant Nation series on their YouTube channel. They have been involved with restoration of the Wakan Tipi/Bruce Vento and Wicahapi/Mounds parks. [wakantipi.org](http://wakantipi.org)

**Payne-Phalen Community Council's Arcade Garden Collective** is looking for individuals and groups to adopt the 40 new pollinator flower beds built into Arcade Ave. boulevards during last year's reconstruction. There has already been a Sowing Bee at the Metro State Greenhouse off of E. 7<sup>th</sup> where annual seeds for the first year of the gardens were planted in milk jugs that participants adopted.

More events are coming to plant the annuals this year. Pollinator perennials will be planted next year on Arcade and on E. 7<sup>th</sup> when reconstruction on E. 7<sup>th</sup> is finished. [paynephalen.org/](http://paynephalen.org/)

**Urban Roots** and others have put together a Seed Library at Dayton's Bluff Library on E. 7<sup>th</sup>. At the Seed Library, you can get garden seeds and native plant seeds. There are regular events where you can meet with others to learn about growing plants and to help package the seeds to give away. [sppl.org/blogs/post/seed-library/](http://sppl.org/blogs/post/seed-library/)

**The East Side YMCA** is upgrading a Community Garden area next to their parking lot. They will replace some of the older raised beds. The Silver Sneakers coffee hour crowd I am part of helped re-pot some of my extra "Seed Savers": tomato, pepper, and herb seedlings that went in the garden last month. Last year I was allowed to plant two of the smaller plots with native flowers to attract pollinators for the garden vegetables. [ymcanorth.org/locations/st\\_paul\\_eastside\\_ymca](http://ymcanorth.org/locations/st_paul_eastside_ymca)

**Urban Roots** is continuing its restoration of Rivoli Bluff at the west end of Minnehaha Ave. as an oak savanna. I have helped with weeding events and have a community garden plot there. Over 80 East Side young people are employed for the summer doing this and many other restoration, gardening, and cooking projects. I see they have their fun and educational Rivoli Bluff Bash scheduled for September 12! Starting in June they sell produce at the East Side Farmer's Market at the Sculpture Park on E. 7<sup>th</sup>. [urbanrootsmn.org/](http://urbanrootsmn.org/)

**Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District** — with the help of fifth graders growing seedlings in their school hallways for 25 years, and other groups including young people, with Conservation Corp [conservationcorps.org/](http://conservationcorps.org/) have restored Lake Phalen, Keller Lake, and Keller Creek shores with buckthorn removal and native plants. More acres of Phalen Regional Park have been restored recently with controlled burns this April, which brings in a bigger variety of birds.

I have seen many of the East Side endangered Rusty-patched Bumblebees in these areas since 2016, plus at Swede Hollow, East Side Heritage Park, Wicahapi/Mounds Park, Ames Lake, Pig's Eye Regional Park, County Poor Farm Cemetery...and our native-planted yard six blocks east of Lake Phalen. University of Minnesota Bee Lab genetic studies of these bumblebees show we need to

keep improving our urban wildlife corridors for the half of their population that lives in the Metro so they can mate with a different nest and solve this problem! How do they get over 35E to connect with their relatives I see in the Bee Line in Frogtown? [rwmwd.org/projects/lake-phalen-shoreline/](http://rwmwd.org/projects/lake-phalen-shoreline/)

**Friends of Swede Hollow** will have monthly weeding events at the upper bluff of Swede Hollow as they have done for the past two years. Swede Hollow is undergoing a large-scale restoration back to its historical plants. This isn't easy and help is needed to remove the more aggressive non-native plants. Last summer after buckthorn removal I saw many more Jewelweed plants growing in the Hollow — they are a favorite flower of bumble bees.

[stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/design-construction/current-projects/swede-hollow-park-projects](http://stpaul.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/design-construction/current-projects/swede-hollow-park-projects)

### CHALLENGES!

#### Pig's Eye Dump Task Force

met for three years, creating plans to clean up five million cubic yards of trash and PFAS/Forever chemicals buried under two feet of dirt 50 years ago at Pig's Eye Regional Park, Saint Paul's biggest park. As a Pig's Eye Park Friend ("like" us on Facebook) walking there weekly for four years I see wetland and flood plain plants and animals still living in this historic area. However, it is surrounded by railroads, a remaining and very large homeless tent camp at the north park area, a wood chipping operation with trees from seven counties, a metro-wide sewer construction dirt pile, and regular rescue helicopter training. Because of these factors, the area is a challenge for the animals and park users. The Pig's Eye Dump Task Force 600-page recommendation is at their web site. Hopefully piling the trash in a controlled dump as high as the Battle Creek neighborhood hills and surrounded by flood walls won't be the option chosen! [pca.state.mn.us/local-sites-and-projects/saint-paul-pigs-eye-dump-task-force](http://pca.state.mn.us/local-sites-and-projects/saint-paul-pigs-eye-dump-task-force)

**Wakan Tipi** has a great restoration plan to bring back parts of the old Phalen Creek south of Lake Phalen and in the wooded and wet areas along Phalen Boulevard and the Bruce Vento Bike Trail/North Star/Bike Route 41 [dot.state.mn.us/bike/north-star-route.html](http://dot.state.mn.us/bike/north-star-route.html). These areas and the Big Urban Woods around the wood chipping lot have been lovingly maintained with wood chip paths by many Big Urban Woods neighbors over the years. [wakantipi.org/daylighting](http://wakantipi.org/daylighting)

**But Ramsey County, the Met Council, Maplewood and Saint Paul** have plans

in the same Vento Bike Trail area to build two Bronze Line dedicated bus lanes and large storm ponds to hold the water that runs off them and to build a bridge over Johnson Parkway and another bridge to connect to buses on Arcade. From what I see zooming in on the draft plan in pdf form, the bike lanes will be put back in a longer path around the edge of the bus lanes and storm ponds. North of Maryland, the bus will run on existing Maryland and White Bear Ave. lanes, not on the Bruce Vento Bike Trail as originally proposed. But south of Maryland the buses will NOT run on existing Phalen Blvd. lanes (and Neid to Arcade) even though buses and stations could be added there today. Final plans are being made this summer we were told by project planners at a meeting with Friends of Parks and Trails of Saint Paul and Ramsey County I am on the board of. Last year we passed a resolution asking that the buses be kept on existing roads both north and south of Maryland and the Vento Bike Trail kept where it is. [ramseycountymn.gov/residents/roads-transportation/transit-corridors-studies/bronze-line-brt-project](http://ramseycountymn.gov/residents/roads-transportation/transit-corridors-studies/bronze-line-brt-project)

**Saint Paul Park Volunteers** and neighborhood volunteers have tried to keep trash picked up that blows in from our homes and businesses into railroad berm and creek bed of the Vento Bike Trail. Work by the **Homeless Assistance Response Team** with Public Works has made this work easier by offering more homeless tent campers — who with no formal trash pickup, often create trash problems - better options than living in local woods. Note: my Southern Iowa hometown has a similar homeless problem to what I see here, and groups working to help. And **Saint Paul Parks** seems to be doing a better job when cleaning up after camps are removed. It is a lot of work to remove batteries, bottle caps, and many big and small items all over the camp site area. While doing trash pickup as a parks volunteer over the years, I have heard many heart-breaking and some heart-warming stories from homeless people I have met, sometimes helping them in crises. Living in our woods has not been good for them or for the parks from what I have seen, so thanks to HART for helping people. [stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/report-concern/homeless-assistance-response-team](http://stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/report-concern/homeless-assistance-response-team) Hopefully the State Legislature and others will keep helping to fund a hand up for people — such as **Work Now at Listening House** on East 7<sup>th</sup> where drop-in folks can get help with getting an ID and then paid to help pick up trash and shovel snow at parks and bus stops, and other entry level jobs. We could use help keeping trash picked up in our parks and green spaces! I have met some of these folks on the job and they were happy for the opportunity. [listeninghouse.org/](http://listeninghouse.org/)



### 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](mailto: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 July issue of the *Forum* June 10**

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# Dayton's Bluff Public Library

## A Place That Welcomes All People to Connect, Learn, Participate, and Grow

If you don't know where we are or that Dayton's Bluff had its own library branch, we are located in the same building as Metro State University's library. And we have things for everybody!

Try a new art project each month at our **Art Class for adults** at Dayton's Bluff Library! Projects are designed for all skill levels, whether you're a seasoned artist or haven't had an art class since grade school. Art Class happens one Monday each month from 6-7:30pm. Call or visit our website for the date and project of the month. No experience or registration necessary, and all materials are provided.

**We want your art in Dayton's Bluff Library's Micro Gallery!** Our display case is in the middle of the library with adjustable gallery lighting. Art needs to be smaller than 12" w X 15" d X 15" h and there are four shelves available. Please keep the content suitable for the general public. We are happy to post artist contact information but we cannot sell artwork. Email: [daytonsbuff@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:daytonsbuff@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call: 651-793-1699.

We have all-ages **Game Night** every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 5:30-7pm! We have multiple tabletop games like Settlers of Catan, Clue, and Uno as well as many types of video games from Tekken 8 and Smash Bros to Lego Star Wars and Need for Speed. On top of our own selection, we also have access to Metro State Library's impressive collection of games too.

Tuesday nights from 6:30-8pm are ex-

clusively for teens (12-18)! **Dungeons and Dragons** happens 2x/month. **Teens Know Best** is a book club where we get together with other people who love to read. Read whatever you want but we also have access to Advanced Reader's Copies of books so you can read things before anyone else and give reviews that will go back to the publisher! **Teen Writers' Guild** is a great place to hone your skills and dive into the art of writing. We periodically have workshops and host guest authors to talk about their processes and what they've learned about the craft. If a month has a **5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** we have a casual hangout time with the PS5, art supplies, games, and, of course, snacks. To find out more about **Teen Tuesdays**, email us at [DaytonsBluff.Programs@metrostate.edu](mailto:DaytonsBluff.Programs@metrostate.edu)

Do you have a plan for summer activities? **Summer Spark** is Saint Paul Public Library's free summer reading initiative for kids and teens ages 0-18. From June 1 to August 31, kids and teens are encouraged complete reading challenges and earn books and fun prizes to keep. Stop into Dayton's Bluff Library to get started. Find the schedule of events at [sppl.org/summer/](http://sppl.org/summer/)

Dayton's Bluff Public Library has had the pleasure of hosting the staff of the **Dayton's Bluff District Forum** for their **monthly planning** sessions in our meeting room for the past five years. It's been a lot of fun to collaborate, send in articles, and read about the neighborhood. We have appreciated being a small part of the team and we love being part of the Dayton's Bluff community.

There is so much happening here at your community library, visit our webpage [sppl.org/locations/db](http://sppl.org/locations/db), call us at 651-793-1699, or visit us at 645 East 7th St to see what's going on.

*Photo below provided by the Dayton's Bluff Library*



**Celebrating Gordon Parks:** Gordon Parks was a prolific world-renowned Black photographer, author, director, poet, painter, and composer who lived on the East Side of Saint Paul and started his career in Saint Paul. Visit Dayton's Bluff Library to find a collection of his books and movies available to check out.



**Friends of Swede Hollow, along with Hope Academy, had a very successful Clean-Up day in Swede Hollow on May 2.**



## Grand Old Day Set for June 7

*Grand Old Day Facebook Page*

Get ready to kick off summer in style at the biggest free celebration in the Midwest — Grand Old Day 2026!

For over 50 years, Grand Old Day has been a beloved St. Paul tradition led by a dedicated group of local volunteers. Join us on June 7 for a day filled with excitement, entertainment, and endless fun for the whole family!

Stay updated on all the latest news and announcements by following us on Facebook and Instagram @grandoldday.

For more information about sponsoring or becoming involved, visit [grandave.com/events/grandoldday](http://grandave.com/events/grandoldday).

### Calling all young entrepreneurs!

Grand Old Day is excited to announce the NEW Kids Market hosted in the Future Innovators Zone! Kids can sell almost anything — handmade items, store-bought goods, games, or services. If your child is five-17 years old and would like to participate in the Grand Old Day Kids Market, sign up now at [kidsmarkets.com/markets/st-paul](http://kidsmarkets.com/markets/st-paul).

### Calling all pet lovers!

After the tail-wagging success of last year's wiener dog races, Grand Old Day is going even bigger!

We're introducing a new dedicated area

for pet people packed with more experiences, more fun, and a curated Pet Mart!

If you were part of Paws on Grand, we'd love to have you back. This is your chance to connect with thousands of pet-loving attendees and showcase your products and services in what we hope to be a high-energy, highly engaged space.

Spots are filling up fast, don't miss out! Sign up today: [jotform.com/app/260145405903147](http://jotform.com/app/260145405903147).

### Lace up and let's hit the pavement for the Grand Old Day 5K Fun Run!

It's the ultimate way to kick off summer in style! Secure your spot now and snag a race t-shirt while you're at it!

Participants of all ages are welcome! Register now [raceroster.com/.../2026/111711/grand-old-day-fun-run](http://raceroster.com/.../2026/111711/grand-old-day-fun-run).

### Don't miss your chance to be part of Grand Old Day

Apply now for a vendor space or a spot in the parade! Visit [grandave.com/grand-old-day](http://grandave.com/grand-old-day) for details. All Grand Old Day applications for all vendor, artisan booths, and parade entries are OPEN! Grand Old Day draws 200,000 people from the #TwinCities Metro area and the region. The event is held along Saint Paul's premier shopping, dining, and entertainment district on Grand Avenue. Submit your application at [jotform.com/app/260145405903147](http://jotform.com/app/260145405903147).

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### Word Bank

- summer squash
- Okra
- garden beans
- eggplants
- herbs
- borrow
- Minnesota native plants
- grow
- sunflowers
- share
- flowers
- cooking greens
- leafy greens
- lettuces

- beets
- carrots
- root vegetables
- corn
- peas
- winter squash
- gourds
- melons
- cucumbers

### Hints:

Words can go across, down, or diagonal and can be backwards.

Letters are shared when the words intersect

Answers on page 9

## As Quoted from the October 1993 Edition of the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum: Memories Written by Tim Overas*

Michel Taylor

During the building boom of the 1880s and the early twentieth century, the Bluff, like the rest of America, experienced a tremendous growth spurt. By 1893, many houses in the Lower Dayton's Bluff neighborhood — which comprises the core buildings in the Dayton's Bluff Historic district — had been constructed.

The businesses operating in this Lower Bluff section reflected life at the turn of the century. Many businesses related to the dominant form of commercial and personal transportation: the horse. There were 7 blacksmiths in Dayton's Bluff, including two shops on Third St. J.H. Murphy had a shop at 686 East Third, and Theodore Eberhardt's shop was next door at 688 East Third. The area also included harness manufacturers and dealers as well as two livery stables where horses were sold and boarded. Feed stores, featuring hay and oats for the horses, were located on Sixth, Seventh, and Minnehaha.

In the early years on the Bluff, before America's love affair with the automobile was in full swing, people shopped in smaller food markets close to their homes. Dayton's Bluff had approximately 20 Ma and Pa grocers. Third St. alone had four markets between the 600 and 900 blocks. The beautiful brick Schorstein building — now on the National Register of Historic Places — housed William Schorstein's store at 705 Hudson Ave. (now Wilson). Residents on Maria, Conway, Fauquier (now Bush) were also served by area grocers.

The 1893 directory shows the neighborhood supported four bakeries, more than ten confectioners, including Henry Horack at 735 Conway, and Harry McPherson 744 E. Third. McPherson also sold cigars. Included with the area's five dairies was the Dayton Dairy Co. at 683 East Third.

Dayton's Bluff continued to experience phenomenal growth into the Twentieth century. In 1909 alone, the Bluff witnessed the construction of 700 new homes. Businesses that remained on the Third and Maria corner included Dayton's Bluff Livery Company, now with their new phone lines could offer, "...supply livery rigs at all hours of the day and night." Newcomers to the corner of Third and Maria included a druggist and a dentist. There were 200 retail merchants in the Dayton's Bluff area alone. Streetcar lines now appeared in the south-east por-

tion of the Bluff feeding into the downtown loop area.

Area merchants were not only businessmen in the community, but were also caring, active residents. Men and women alike joined forces to support and encourage positive neighborhood spirit. Community recreational activities were often sponsored by these booster clubs. The East-Side Star, one of the early neighborhood newspapers, pronounced in a 1915 edition the opening of a thirty foot high by ninety foot long toboggan slide on the corner of Margaret and Arcade. The opening ceremonies included fireworks, colored lights and carnival costumes. The slide was free to the public, with the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club serving as a warming house.

A snapshot of the Third and Maria corner twenty-five years later showed further changes in the fabric of American culture. The automobile had become a fixture in Dayton's Bluff. Livery stables and harness shops came to be replaced by filling stations and repair shops.

Businesses in and around Third and Maria in 1939 included three grocery stores, a bakery, a drug store, a smoke house, three service station/garages, two barbershops, a beauty shop, two laundry/dry-cleaning shops, and three bars. Two shoe repair shops remained. One located at 291 Maria had the curious name of the Maria Shoe Hospital.

Before the event of television and commuter lifestyle, entertainment was primarily restricted to the neighborhoods. As the September edition of the Dayton's Bluff Booster noted, the Deluxe theater at Third and Maria offered first run features for fifteen cents per adult ticket, with the Sunday matinee running the Lone Ranger serial for the kids. For the sports fan, wrestling was regularly booked into the Dayton's Bluff Commercial Club at 770 E. 7th St. Forty cents bought you a ticket to watch Tarzan Liggett battle the Terrible Fin, followed by Johnny Carlin (the reported light heavy-weight champ of Sweden) taking on Tiger Miller.

Changes continued to transform the intersection throughout the sixties, seventies, and into the nineties. Corner grocers were replaced by supermarkets, that in turn again were replaced by the corner market. Pizza parlors appeared on the scene in the fifties, with fast-food outlets following in the sixties. Many homes which once stood freshly painted, fell into disrepair. Through the combined partnership of homeowners and government agencies, many homes were nurtured back to the proud state that their original owners intended.

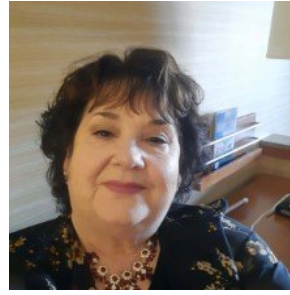
The face of the storefronts may have changed over the years but one constant has remained. The strength of the neighborhood continues to be a healthy ethnic and class mix.

## Anne DeJoy— Curriculum Vitae

East Side Neighborhood Development  
Company

### Professional Background

Anne DeJoy brings over 35 years of ex-



perience in community-based economic development. For a decade, she led the Riverview Economic Development Associ-

ation (REDA) as its Executive Director, guiding initiatives to support local economic growth. Following her tenure at REDA, DeJoy was appointed as a Mayoral Aide, where she served under two different city administrations, further expanding her impact on local policy and development.

### Education and Professional Training

DeJoy is an alumna of Middlesex College in New Jersey, where she focused her studies on Marketing Art and Design. She completed specialized training in Economic Development and Real Estate Finance from the National Development Council (now Grow America). Additionally, she completed Economic Development Strategies training provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), equipping her with practical and strategic skills for her professional roles.

### Recognition and Leadership Roles

Her leadership in economic development was formally recognized when she received a proclamation from Minnesota Governor Carlson for her significant con-

tributions to the Economic Development Committee for the Chicano Latino Affairs Council. DeJoy also dedicated eight years to serving as a St. Paul Planning Commissioner. During this time, she chaired the Community Advisory Committee for the Hillcrest Master Plan and served on the Zoning Committee, demonstrating her commitment to thoughtful and inclusive city planning.

### Boards, Committees, and Community Engagement

DeJoy has contributed to community based economic development and the improvement of neighborhood commercial corridors by serving on various boards, committees, and participating in public forums. She has contributed her expertise to panel discussions, sharing insights on best practices and innovative approaches to community growth.

DeJoy has held leadership and advisory positions with organizations such as the West Side Citizen's Organization, Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation, Mayor's Committee on Cultural Relations, Neighborhood Justice Center, and Payne Arcade Business Association. In each of these roles, she worked collaboratively to address local issues, advocate for inclusive policies, and strengthen community networks.

Most recently, DeJoy retired from her position as Executive Director of the East Side Neighborhood Development Company, Inc., where she continued her commitment to economic advancements in St. Paul's East Side neighborhood.

DeJoy remains engaged in the field as a consultant, offering guidance on strategic initiatives. In addition to her consulting work, she is a partner in *Designs in Concrete*, an architectural design concrete company, further demonstrating her diverse skills and ongoing dedication to community enhancement.

## The Forum is Online at the Minnesota Historical Society

Greg Cosimini

The Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub is a free searchable website from the Minnesota Historical Society that makes millions of pages of Minnesota newspapers available online. The Hub contains geographically and culturally diverse

newspapers published between 1849 and today, with new content added regularly. Due to potential copyright restrictions, most issues published after 1977 can only be accessed from the Gale Family Library at the Minnesota History Center.

However, this is not a problem for the *Dayton's Bluff District Forum*. In its latest update, the Hub now contains all issues of the newest incarnation of the *Forum* from August 2000 through December 2025.

The Minnesota Historical Society's free online Minnesota Digital Newspaper Hub can be found at:

[newspapers.mnhs.org/jsp/browse.jsp](http://newspapers.mnhs.org/jsp/browse.jsp)

### EASTSIDE Farmer's Market

The East Side Farmers Market (ESFM) was held from June to September 2025 at the East Side Sculpture Park co-led by several community based organizations and businesses.

Indigenous Roots, Urban Roots, Storehouse Grocers, Blue Hummingbird Woman, Philadelphia Community Farms held planning meetings beginning of 2025. ESFM was held twice a month with an estimate of 2300 in attendance for the season.

The launch of the ESFM was received with much excitement and gratitude by neighbors, local business owners, artists and community groups. So much that conversations and planning 2026 is currently in progress. The ESFM was unique as it became a hub where arts, culture, food access and community power were visibly and equitably present.

**VENDOR DATA**

Total vendors registered: 73  
Vendors present: 59 (80.8%)  
Native owned vendors: 24 (32.8%)  
BIPOC owned vendors: 56 (94.9%)

**BREAKDOWN**

Farmers: 6  
Food: 11  
Informational: 13  
Multi-Vendor: 3 (various products)  
Jewelry/Clothing/Medicines/Crafts: 35

An estimate between \$10k to \$12k were made in total sales for vendors this season.

## Mounds Park United Methodist Church

1049 Euclid Street, St. Paul, 55106

Sharing the love of Christ with our community • [moundsparkumc.org](http://moundsparkumc.org)

New updated Website!

[moundsparkumc.org](http://moundsparkumc.org)

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Sunday Worship  
10:30am

Sunday services also live-streamed on our YouTube channel (search Mounds Park UMC)

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# Within the Hamm's Brewery Campus, Which was Once Its Own Zip Code Within our Neighborhood

Jeannie Kenevan

Tucked into the valley between Swede Hollow and Dayton's Bluff on the East Side...

The story begins in 1865, when Theodore Hamm, a German immigrant, took over a small brewery on the site where Saint Paul Brewing is in present-day life. Over the next century, Hamm's grew to be one of the most successful breweries in the country. By the 1950s, it was producing millions of barrels of beer each year and had become the fifth-largest brewery in the United States.

Hamm's was also one of the few breweries in the nation that survived Prohibition. During that time, the company pivoted to producing soft drinks, near beer, and other non-alcoholic products to keep its doors open. When Prohibition ended in 1933, Hamm's quickly returned to brewing and reclaimed its place as one of America's powerhouse beer brands.

For more than 130 years, Hamm's was a city within a city. It had its own cooperage, power plant, stables, bottling lines, carpentry shops, blacksmiths, and painters. Generations of Saint Paul residents worked here, and the brewery helped define the identity and economy of the entire East Side.

As ownership changed hands, the brewery continued to evolve. The Hamm's family eventually sold to the Heublein Company, then to Olympia, and later to

Stroh's Brewing Company. Each new operator kept the beer flowing for a time, but eventually the operations slowed. In 1997, under Stroh's, the brewery finally closed its doors.

When it did, about 350 local jobs were lost. The site fell quiet, and the surrounding neighborhood felt the impact deeply. For years afterward, the buildings sat vacant and in disrepair. Fires, vandalism, and neglect took their toll on what had once been a thriving industrial community.

But slowly, life has returned to these walls. The old keg house now houses Saint Paul Brewing. The former machine and blacksmith shop has been reborn as Volière Distillery and CrowBar, and nearby spaces have become creative studios and workshops.

### The Blacksmith Shop

Volière Spirits and CrowBar are located inside what was once the machine, blacksmith, and paint shop, built around 1911.

This L-shaped brick structure originally connected three separate work areas: The north wing held the machine and plumbing shop, the center section housed the blacksmith and wagon shop, and the south end was used as the paint shop

Everything made of metal or wood that needed repair for the brewery passed through this building. From horse-drawn wagons to metal tanks and bottling equipment, the blacksmiths and machinists here kept the entire operation running.

Many original details still remain: heavy brick walls, steel trusses, tall ceilings, and large windows that once filled the space with daylight for the tradesmen working inside. When you look around CrowBar, you are standing in a building that was once the mechanical heart of the brewery, and now it is home to a new kind of craft and creativity.

# View From My Porch: Bits & Pieces

Sage Holben

This issue of *Dayton's Bluff District Forum* is a special issue; it may be our last issue unless we are able to squeeze regular financial backing for printing, delivery, and our editor's monthly paycheck. So, yes, the squeeze is on — those who pick up free copies from gas stations, Obbs, Mississippi Whole Foods; those who occasionally come across an edition, thinking that the *Forum* had long ago disappeared. It seems to have disappeared because for many years our District Council had allowed us the use of their mailing permit and the Council contributed a substantial financial sum for mailing costs, delivering a copy to every address in Dayton's Bluff.

I am PLEADING with you to consider how a neighborhood stays connected. Facebook and Instagram are no longer efficient or sufficient. Our neighborhoods have wider boundaries than 20 or 40 years ago. Newspapers such as *The Pioneer Press (PP)* and *Minnesota Star Tribune* have been trimmed to 14 to 16 pages, and feature very little local news. Now printed in Des Moines, Iowa, printed news in the *PP* is a day later. When the trucker delivering to our Twin Cities depot arrives after 6 a.m. it is too late to

be delivered to homes and businesses for individual purchasers...is the demise of the *Pioneer Press* only months away?

I grew up with a dad who picked up and read four newspapers a day: *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Chicago Daily News*, *Chicago American*, and *Chicago Tribune*; and whatever small town newspapers where we were living. "Whatever you believe", he would tell me, "you need to read and know what others are thinking, writing, doing (i.e. politics, business, opinions, etc.)." Different times, yes. Different media outlets.

However, how we stay connected to each other and each other's views are still vital. Perhaps the familiar items in the *Forum* are not earth-shattering news; it's not going to change the world (unless a young person seeing their poetry or story in print leads that youth to being a writer or editor). It's often the seemingly inconsequential events and opportunities that open windows to the greater world.

We can shrug our shoulders and say, "Times change. We've got Instagram. I can listen to a podcast." Yes; true. What a narrow path of "news". You are not going to miss newspapers until they no longer exist. Stay on the path of no newspapers, even the *Forum*, and you will be living an existence with little context to prove your reality

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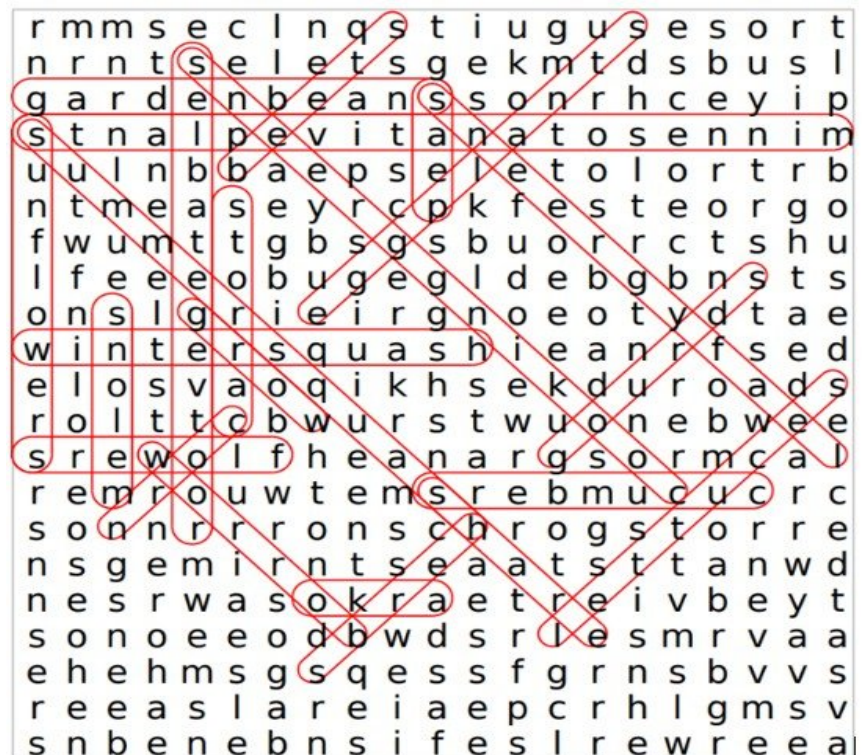
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## History Behind St. John's Lutheran Buildings

Angela DuPaul



The first St. John's German Lutheran Church, built in 1872, was located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street between Locust and Willis Streets. The spot is now a parking lot behind the former Savoy's Pizza, now Listening House.



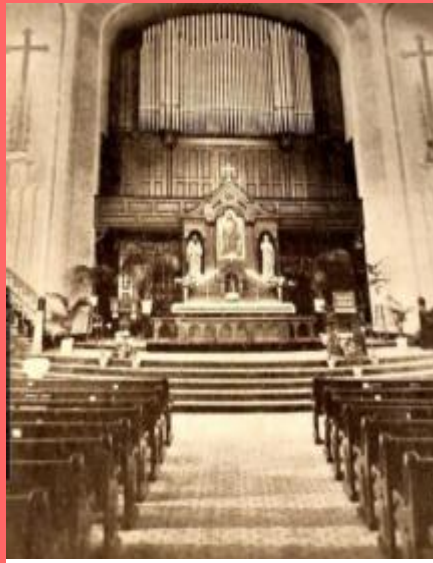
St. Sigfried's Episcopal Church moved into the church on 8<sup>th</sup> Street after St. John's moved up to Dayton's Bluff. The church was destroyed by the 1904 "cyclone". This must have been when the date stone was salvaged and brought up to the new St. John's.



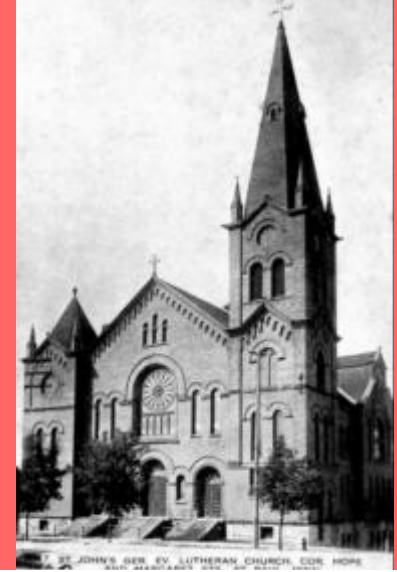
727 Margaret was the original parsonage for St. John's when they came to Dayton's Bluff.



Date stones on the 1966 (current) church building. I think the 1952 is from the school, which coexisted with the 1891 church for a few years.



Interior of the 1891 church.



A postcard of the first St. John's church on Margaret Street in Dayton's Bluff, circa 1909. It was built in 1891. It was demolished in 1964, allegedly because of structural problems.

## The Hollow Has Never Tasted Better: Foraging For Garlic Mustard

Mandy Okonek

When my kid attended a local nature preschool, she became fascinated with edible plants. The trick, of course, is knowing which ones won't kill you. Garlic mustard was her favorite, and we learned to identify those bright green leaves growing all around upper and lower Swede Hollow Park. They taste best before the little white flowers appear, more garlicky and less like you lost a bet and had to eat a houseplant.

If you've ever been curious about foraging in an urban setting, garlic mustard is a great place to start. It's easy to find almost anywhere. If you decide to look for it in the Hollow, be mindful of poison ivy and any signs indicating the city has sprayed chemicals. Deep in the woods, away from trails, is your best bet. You can eat it raw or make pesto, and I'll walk you through both.

But first, let's talk about firefighters. In the 20-plus years I've lived on North Street, I've seen a lot of interesting folks coming up and down the stairs to the lower Hollow: snowboarders riding the rails, people carrying medieval fantasy swords, barred owls, and enough

wily coyotes to fill a nature documentary. But on a recent weekday, I stepped aside for Saint Paul's finest. Was I on my way to harvest garlic mustard? Perhaps.

On this chilly spring morning, more than a few Saint Paul firefighters were running up and down the lower Hollow stairs with 50-pound weight bags. I once carried my kid's small bike up those same stairs and needed three breaks. These folks did it with oxygen tanks. Our local crew is training hard to keep the Hollow safe from fires, which makes sense given that a firetruck has approximately zero chance of making it down into the ravine. They've been meeting in the Upper Hollow and using the stairs as their training ground. Who will I see out there next? Maybe you, on your way to score some free, delicious food.

But back to garlic mustard. Garlic mustard grows in bunches with clusters of small white flowers and scalloped green leaves that smell like garlic when crushed. I usually ID it by the leaf shape first, then crush a leaf in my hands for confirmation. If it smells like garlic, congratulations, you found it. The large green leaves are most flavorful before the plant flowers, so if you're making pesto, don't wait. You'll need 3-4 cups of packed leaves.

When harvesting, take only what you need. Most people consider garlic mustard an invasive species, though it's one of the tastier ones. Still, leave some plants to flower and regrow for next season so you have somewhere to forage next year. Once you've got a nice pile of leaves, check out the recipe above.



### Garlic Mustard Pesto

Prep time: 5 minutes | Serves: 4

#### Ingredients

- 3-4 cups packed garlic mustard leaves, washed and patted dry
- 2 large garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Squeeze of fresh lemon juice

#### Directions

- In a blender, grind the garlic mustard leaves, garlic, and walnuts.
- With the motor running, slowly add the olive oil.
- Shut off the motor and add the cheeses, salt, and pepper.
- Serve over pasta, spread on crackers, or top a piece of baked fish. Enjoy and be creative!

Wherever you forage, be safe. If you see leaves of three, let them be. And if you spot our local firefighters on the stairs, give them a high-five and hand them a pesto cracker. It's the least we can do.

## Muscant Group and East Side Neighborhood Development Company Want YOUR Opinion!

The Muscant Group

Our mission and service is to create places where people want to be. In the past we have worked with East Side Neighborhood Development Company (ESNDC) around doing Friendly Storefront improvements for businesses along Payne Ave.

This summer they have brought us on to help them implement a corridor activation effort that centers on: converting a parking lot into a temporary plaza with daily amenities like seating and games, paying a local organization or person to take care of that plaza, producing events in the plaza like showing World Cup games, and an intensified marketing effort of businesses along the avenue

A key part of this effort is to engage area residents and businesses about what they want to experience and deliver those

to the degree possible.

Our ask to you to support this effort and grow its impact. Take the survey(s) below!

#### Business Owner Survey:

ESNDC is leading a summer-long activation effort along Payne Avenue with funds from the City. And they want input from businesses along the avenue to ensure we are creating the most benefit possible.

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#### Resident Survey (Spanish):

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La iniciativa se centra en una nueva plaza temporal que funcionará durante todo el verano, con asientos y actividades en un antiguo estacionamiento, además de eventos semanales.

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Take a selfie at Phalen Creek	Say hello to a dog	Donate \$5 to the District Forum!	Find an artist who is inspired by nature	Compliment someone with a cool hat
Spot the free golf cart to Saint Paul Brewing	Find a beautifully decorated artist tent	Get a business card from a local artist	Take a selfie in front of a food truck	Find an artist who is a photographer
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By *Jessy Rehmann*, correspondent from



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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?

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