

What's happening at District Council board meetings?

Highlights of the May 17, 2010, Nonprofit Board meeting

The board approved the following actions:

- To enter into a partnership with Twin Cities Daily Planet (www.tcdailyplanet.net), a non-profit organization whose focus is online participatory journalism. This partnership would allow them to redistribute *District Forum* articles and the *Forum* to reprint their articles.
- To approve our 990 tax report and file it with the Minnesota Secretary of State.
- To post the council's bylaws on the Dayton's Bluff Community Council web site (www.daytonsbluff.org), along with the 990 report when it is officially filed.
- To accept the resignation of Avi Viswanathan as President and board member.
- To discuss at the next nonprofit meeting (6/21/10) the board bylaws concerning attendance of members at monthly board meetings.

Highlights of the June 14, 2010, Housing, Environment, and Economic Development Meeting

The Board approved the following action:

To direct the Executive Committee to make recommendations on both the standard content and scheduling of the two monthly board meetings (currently the second and third Mondays of the month).

This is not an official record of Board actions. Those are reflected in the Board minutes. For more information, contact Karin DuPaul at karin@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075.

Monthly community meeting

The next Dayton's Bluff Community Meeting is Thursday, July 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street. The council holds a community meeting on the first Thursday of most months. The object is to work with block clubs and neighborhood residents on problem properties, criminal and nuisance behavior, code enforcement issues and any other issues, concerns or new ideas for improving Dayton's Bluff.

If addresses of problem properties are submitted before the meeting, they will be sent to police and code enforcement officers who will research the properties and bring relevant information to the meeting. All Dayton's Bluff residents are welcome to attend.

Police community meetings

The Eastern District Police hosts its monthly meetings for community members at 722 Payne Avenue at the corner of Minnehaha Avenue. The next meetings are on Friday, July 16, at 9:30 am and Wednesday, July 21, at 6:30 pm. The meetings are intended to listen to and address concerns about crime and other issues on the East Side.

Block club meetings

Wilson Avenue Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Mounds Park United Methodist Church, at Earl and Euclid.

Margaret Rec Center Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Margaret Recreation Center, at Margaret and Frank Street. This block club encompasses 7th, Ross, Bush, and Reaney streets and Minnehaha Avenue.

Beech/Margaret 654 Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the last Thursday of each month at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Margaret and Forest. This block club covers Minnehaha, Beech, Margaret, 6th, 5th and 4th between Cypress and Arcade.

Frank Street Block Club meets at 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at Immanuel City of Refuge Healing Temple, at 815 Frank Street. This block club encompasses 7th, Ross, Bush, and Reaney streets and Minnehaha Avenue between Earl and Johnson Parkway.

Lower Dayton's Bluff Block Club meets monthly in the summer. This block club is bounded by 3rd and Maple streets and I-94. Contact Sherry Johnson at sherryjohnson@gmail.com for the time and place of the next meeting.

Gardens: tours and boulevards

The annual Dayton's Bluff garden tours continue with three more scheduled in July.

Upper Swede Hollow Neighborhood Garden Tour: meet at 11:30 am, Wednesday, July 14, in the lower garden next to Swede Hollow Cafe, 725 East 7th Street.

Beech/Margaret Block Club: meet at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, July 21, at 983 East 5th Street.

Margaret Rec Center Block Club: meet at 6:30 pm, Monday, July 26, at Skidmore Park, 1085 East 4th Street.

Check the *Forum* or www.daytonsbluff.org for locations later in the summer.



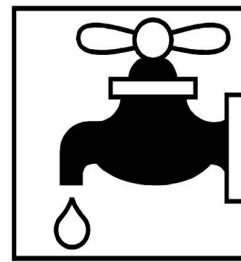
Interested in a boulevard garden? It's been reported that "up-front" gardens help to build community and even reduce crime.

Contact the council office if you would like to schedule a tour in your neighborhood or would like more information about boulevard gardening.

Rain Barrel Workshop

Build your own rain barrel at a workshop scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, at 6:30 pm at the District Council office.

A rain barrel is an old idea given new life as more people are realizing that water is not a limitless commodity. Placed under a downspout to collect water from the roof, a rain barrel can help save water for use in the yard, eliminate potential flooding in



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basements, and reduce storm water management costs.

The \$20 registration fee will help cover the cost of a \$50 rain barrel that participants can take home and put to use. To register send a \$20 check made out to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and mail it to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council, 798 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Take-a-Hike on July 3

Take-a-Hike occurs on the first Saturday of most months. The next hike will be Saturday, July 3. Hikers meet at 10:30 am in Indian Mounds Park at Earl Street and Mounds Boulevard. The route winds through local parks and trails to end up at the new East Side Heritage Park. Along the way hikers will share stories and learn some of the local history. The hike is about four miles long with some moderately rough terrain. Transportation will be available to return to Indian Mounds Park, if needed.

Be Your Own Boss

The next Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Microentrepreneur Class is starting in September. This program helps start-up and young businesses on the East Side of St. Paul get off to a good start. Eleven East Side entrepreneurs

are welcome.

Classroom training lasts eight weeks and includes topics such as operations management, marketing, financial management, creating a successful business, and preparing a business plan. Included are eight hours of one-on-one time with the instructor to work on your business concept. Those who successfully complete the course, and locate their businesses in target neighborhoods, are eligible for ongoing support services.

Examples of businesses started by people who have taken this course include graphic arts, landscaping, photography, food service, restoration of wood furniture and works of art, custom floral design for weddings and events, pet sitting and exterior and interior painting. The course is sponsored by the Dayton's Bluff Community Council and the Neighborhood Development Center. A registration fee will be charged based on a sliding fee scale. Class size is limited, so do not wait to apply. Applications are available at the District Council office.

For more information

Information in the preceding articles was compiled by District Council community organizer, Karin DuPaul. She can be contacted at karin@daytonsbluff.org or 651-772-2075.

Support your local newspaper: Our fund still seeking donations

By Forum staff

As the *Forum* reported last month, times are tough, but we hope you think of the paper as a good cause and could make a contribution to help keep the presses rolling. Several readers have already made contributions and taken out subscriptions for distant family and friends.

We are still seeking checks—money orders or cash are also good; all donations are tax-deductible. Subscriptions make great birthday or July 4th gifts for people who used to live here and might enjoy reading about the old home area. You could also talk to an area business owner and suggest that they begin advertising with the paper.

Any amount will be appreciated and, unless you want to remain anonymous, your name will be included in a future issue of the paper. If this were a public radio or television appeal, we might say the phone lines are open. However, we don't have the volunteer base to answer calls.

Instead, please make any checks (or money orders) out to the *District Forum* and mail or bring them to the Dayton's Bluff Community Council at 798 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106.

As a special premium, anyone who makes a donation of at least \$25.00 will receive a valuable set of 12 collectable Dayton's Bluff postcards—a ten dollar value—as long as the supply lasts. For information about gift subscriptions or advertising rates, call Karin DuPaul at 651-772-2075. Your contributions will help keep our publication going. Thanks.