



Kingfield News

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Longtime Kingfield Resident receives Community Leader Award

Michael Vanderford, a resident of Kingfield since 1981, was one of four recipients of the second annual Community Leader Award on January 25, 2008, presented to outstanding individuals or organizations within the 8th Ward by Minneapolis City Councilmember Elizabeth Glidden's office. Michael's nomination came from neighbors who felt that his ongoing commitment to Kingfield and to the broader community deserved formal recognition.



Michael Vanderford coaching soccer

In mid-September, Michael founded a new Kingfield neighborhood block organization, "West of King," which comprises the 9 blocks directly west of Martin Luther King Park. Much of the impetus to create the group stemmed from specific incidents, namely a July shooting near 41st and Blaisdell, increased levels of mobile drug dealing, and the murder of Mark Loesch, a Kingfield resident. Michael spearheaded the group's first meeting, which included Mayor R.T. Rybak, Senator Scott Dibble, Inspector Kris Arneson, Councilmember Glidden, and several Kingfield residents looking for information and for a new direction for the neighborhood. With the feedback from that meeting, he set organizational goals, which he hopes will strengthen neighborhood ties and educate residents about crime incidents and how to report and respond to them. Finding committed block leaders, keeping open communication with city and police officials, launching West of King walking groups, creating phone and email trees, and encouraging greater neighborhood involvement with King Park are just a few of the goals that Michael has outlined as the group begins to develop.

history as a community volunteer. He has been active at Lyndale Congregational United Church of Christ, is a past member of the Martin Luther King Park Council, and began coaching and managing the youth soccer program at King Park in 1986. In the 1990s, he was a leader for Boy Scout Troop 106 (based in the Lyndale neighborhood), and in 2000, he joined the

Kingfield Neighborhood Association where he served as board member, treasurer, and proponent of NRP. Michael works as a federal biologist for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. He and his wife Mary have two grown sons.

Although Michael will say that the West of King block club is a collaborative effort, it is his time and level of commitment that keep the rest of the group informed, on task, and proactive. He has a passion for making Kingfield a fantastic place to live, and his genuine care and inspiration are contagious. Congratulations, Michael, and thank you for all you do!

-Linda Madson

Michael's leadership in West of King is preceded by a long

Living Art- Art Show and Silent Auction

You are invited to Living Art, an art show and silent auction featuring the work of up to 100 artists from Kingfield, Lyndale, and across the Twin Cities.

Date: Saturday, March 22
Time: 7-10 PM
Location: Rau+Barber
4244 Nicollet Ave. S.
Minneapolis

Whether growing, changing, moving, or residing in the public eye and thus subject to individual interpretation, art lives among us and influences us. Local artists have created art that captures this spirit in 'Living Art'.

Enjoy appetizers and desserts artfully crafted by Scott Pampuch of The Corner Table and Theresa Lien of Anodyne.

Cash bar.
Tickets: \$10 in advance / \$20 at the door
(Advance tickets may be purchased with cash or check at Anodyne or the Color Wheel Salon, or by credit card at www.kingfield.org through March 21)

Proceeds from Living Art are split 50/50 between the artists and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA). KFNA's profits will be contributed to Walldogs on Nicollet, a joint project of the Lyndale and Kingfield neighborhood associations. Walldogs on Nicollet involves local and national artists, together with community members, painting 8 murals along Nicollet Avenue between Lake Street and 46th Street on July 24th - 27th, 2008. More information can be found at www.walldogs.lyndale.org.

"Because we believe that art is the key to community, this project helps our community live and thrive by bringing artists and neighbors together in the creation and appreciation of art."

-KFNA

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KFNA Annual Meeting Come to a Taste of Kingfield!

Monday April 21, 7-9 PM, MLK Park, 41st and Nicollet

KFNA has a long tradition of Annual Meeting potlucks, but this year has been hectic for all, and the last thing you need is to cook another dinner! So on Monday, April 21, stroll on down to MLK Park at 6 PM and enjoy A Taste of Kingfield, a sampling of tidbits and tasty treats from many of our fine local restaurants including Victor's, Grand Café, Anodyne, and many more (we have a dozen local eateries in Kingfield now, you know!)

Sample the variety of Kingfield and then stay for the 7 PM Annual KFNA meeting, where 7 officers will be elected to the board for 2-year terms. Learn about

Riverlake Greenway back on track

Over ten years ago, Kingfield neighbors first had the germ of an idea to create a bike trail from the Mississippi to the lakes. Now, the RiverLake Greenway project has grown into a successful grassroots effort to develop green space and an alternative transportation route in south Minneapolis. The \$2 million, 4.5-mile-long pathway will connect the Mississippi River to Lake Harriet and pass through six diverse neighborhoods, mostly along 40th Street.

The RiverLake corridor runs midway between the Midtown Greenway, which runs parallel to 29th Street, and the Minnehaha Creek corridor. The route takes advantage of the only pedestrian and bicycle bridge across 35W and connects five city parks. Replacing the inadequate pedestrian bridge will become the focus for organizing after the next phase of greenway construction - from 35W to the Mississippi River - is completed. RiverLake will connect riders to north-south bicycle corridors and the Hiawatha light rail line.

The Kingfield section was constructed in 2003, followed by East Harriet-Farmstead a year later. Construction costs of \$450,000 were paid entirely with Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds. A preliminary design of the entire route was completed with assistance from consultant Sanders Wacker Bergly, Inc. in 2005, with funds provided by NRP, the Laura Jane Musser Fund and The McKnight Foundation.

The entire project was expected to be financed with NRP funds, but changes in NRP Phase II made that impossible. The organizing committee approached the City for help, and in 2006 Minneapolis received a \$1 million federal Transportation Enhancement grant award for RiverLake. The city, with strong support from Mayor Rybak, has budgeted \$250,000 to match the federal award and last year Transit for Livable Communities (TLC) granted the project \$400,000, meaning the project is now fully funded. During 2008, Bryant, Bancroft, Standish/Ericsson and Longfellow neighborhood residents will develop a final design for the project. Overall direction, including public meetings, will be coordinated by a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) comprised of three representatives per neighborhood group and one appointee per neighborhood appointed by affected City Council members. Minneapolis Public Works staff will guide the process.

RiverLake has been an all-volunteer effort, with strong support from neighborhood groups. Gardeners, bicyclists and community activists have recognized the potential for improving their individual neighborhoods while working together to build a remarkable city asset. The RiverLake organizing and design model has proven to be a successful example for using existing public right-of-way for diverse modes of transportation.

-Steve Jevning

what IS going on in your neighborhood, what WILL BE happening, and how you can be a part of it all! Questions regarding KFNA, its operating procedures, responsibilities, and mission can be directed to Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, kfna@email.com or 612.823.5980.

Free childcare is available from 6:45-9 PM for kids ages 5-12 by Leonardo's Basement. Younger children (ages 1-4) will be cared for by local teens. To guarantee that it's available, however, you need to register for it. To register for childcare, send the following info to kingfield@q.com or call 612.823.5980 ext #3: Parent's Name & Contact Information including Phone Number and E-mail + Each Child's Name and Age.

About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

The Kingfield neighborhood runs from 36th to 46th Streets, between Lyndale Avenue and 35W.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) office is located in The Center for Performing Arts building, room 101:

KFNA Office
3754 Pleasant Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55409
Phone 612-823-5980
E-mail kingfield@q.com
www.kingfield.org

The KFNA board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at ML King Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue So. The following residents are serving on the **KFNA Board of Directors** for the 2006-2007 term:

David Brauer, Pres.....822.8601
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Mary Hunter.....616.4168
Arthur Knowles.....823-0808
Ben Kristensen.....822.2312
Tom Parent.....331.2463
Karen Pieper, Treas.822.2304
David Potosky.....825.6630
Dave Sadoris.....396.3472
JobyLyn Sassily, VP.....388.6552
Chris Sur.....377.0544
Niki Stavrou.....207.6445

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NRP Project Organizer:
Joanna Hallstrom..... 823.5980x3

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If you are interested in writing, editing, designing, or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*, call the KFNA office at 823-5980.



Come learn about eco-friendly winter home and yard maintenance!

On Thursday, March 20, from 7-8 p.m., join the KFNA Green Committee at MLK Park for Minnesota's 1st winter maintenance training class designed for homeowners. This will be a chance to learn about de-icer selection, application rates, snow removal methods and environmental impacts. For the past 10 years this type of training has been available only to snow and ice control professionals. Now it is available to you in a simplified and entertaining format.

Since this is a new program piloted in 2008, we are interested in understanding homeowner winter maintenance concerns. Bring your trickiest winter maintenance concerns and join in the discussion.

Eco-friendly treats hand-baked and foot-delivered by Butter & Peace Coffee brewed by Anodyne! This program is funded by the Mississippi WMO and presented by Fortin Consulting Inc.

Note From the President

I hate to write this, but here's the truth: Our neighborhood organization is dying. This is my second stint as KFNA president, and I can't tell you how painful it is to write this. We still have incredible, dedicated volunteers - Tom Parent, who has done yeoman's work on Kingfield redevelopment issues, or David Sadoris and Darrell Gerber, who have helped put green principles into action throughout the neighborhood, or Niki Valens, who has done so much for the neighborhood association while working to keep Victor's 1959 Café a neighborhood success story. There are many others, but space is too tight to name them. The problem is, they're a dwindling number. Where we once got 200 people to our Annual Meeting in April, we've been lucky to draw 50 recently. That's made it tough to get people on the Kingfield Board, which is the backbone of our neighborhood organization work: reviewing and improving development projects, planning events that connect

Kingfield such as the Farmer's Market and the Art Show, and organizing more effective crime fighting.

Although it may not always be apparent, you'd miss these things if they were gone. And our drop in involvement comes at the worst possible time: the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, which has contributed thousands of dollars to neighborhood-led projects, is winding down, and we don't know what will replace it.

When I was first KFNA president, NRP hadn't really kicked in. It's been wonderful to have the money, but there is still plenty to do without it. The redevelopment review work remains critical, even if we only have sweat, not dollars, to contribute. Anti-crime organizing is low-buck but must-do. And thanks to volunteer David Potosky, we'll soon have a much more usable website (at the same address,

www.kingfield.org) where neighbors will inform neighbors of the critical news we need to know.



David Brauer

So what I need - what the neighborhood needs - is people willing to give up a little time to keep Kingfield strong. Being a board member isn't odious: one board meeting and one committee meeting a month, plus a few hours more on an issue of your choice.

Fifteen years ago, I was part of a group of neighbors who organized to get Kingfield into NRP. This year, without a similar push, the work you rely upon may not get done. Please consider running, and feel free to email me at david@tcq.net with any questions.

- David Brauer

KFNA Annual Meeting- Business Items Monday, April 21

Kingfield residents will vote on April 21 at the KFNA Annual Meeting whether to amend the KFNA Bylaws to allow up to 33% of non-Members to serve on select committees of the board, such as the Farmers' Market Committee, whose reach extends beyond the boundaries of the neighborhood. Additionally a vote will be taken to clarify that the President and Treasurer shall continue their service as officers and, in the case that their term has expired, Ex-Officio Board Members between the April Election and the first regular meeting of the Board of Directors in May.

The specific language changes regarding these amendments are as follows:

Article 6: Board Officers
B. Election and Term of Office (excerpt)

The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first regular meeting following the annual meeting of the Members. The officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year and

serve until their successors shall have been elected or until their earlier resignation, removal from office or death. In the case that their board term has expired, the President and Treasurer shall serve as Ex-Officio members of the board and officers until the first regular meeting of the board.

Article 7: Committees of the Board
G. Committee Membership (excerpt)

Committee members are appointed by the President must be Members unless otherwise specified in a resolution of the Board. The Board may specify by resolution that up to 33% of the committee members can be non-Members of the association. All committee members, unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws or by resolution of the Board of Directors, must be appointed by the President.

In addition, the following NRP Phase I Plan Modifications will be voted on at the KFNA Annual Meeting, Monday April 21, 7 PM, MLK Park.

Reallocate the remaining \$20,081.63 of Streetscape Program funds from the Nicollet Avenue Lighting Project. This funding remains from the Nicollet Avenue lighting project. Although the neighborhood may choose to do more streetscape improvement programs in the future, the size of any future streetscape program will not warrant a separate strategy. The KFNA Board recommends moving these funds to administration for the organization. This NRP Plan Modification, coupled with the one below, will extend the administrative ability of KFNA at current capacity to 2 1/2 years.

Reallocate the final sum of \$10,213.78 that came from returned home loan payments from the Kingfield 2000 Home Loan Program into administration. This moving of funds will, coupled with the plan modification above, extend the life of the administrative funding at current capacity to 2 1/2 years.

New KFNA website to be launched in March

What can you expect from the new KFNA site? The new site is weblog-based and will have a substantially improved look and feel. Articles will be in blog roll format, with most recent articles always at the top. An event calendar will be on the front page with a more friendly user interface, and will be frequently updated with information about Kingfield events. Tag clouds, which are like categories, will indicate article content, and the size of the tag will indicate how many articles there are about a given topic. Search functionality is added, enabling users to search for content in all of the articles. Archives will be searchable and can be navigated through a variety of methods on the right side of

the site. All KFNA board members and staff will have kingfield.org e-mail addresses.

Most important, authoring of content is easy. Because of this, expect to see much more frequent content updates from KFNA board members and staff about Kingfield events, notices and other topics of interest.

We'd like to hear what you think of the new site when it launches. Please feel free to e-mail after the launch, which is expected to happen this month.

-David Potosky

KFNA Annual Garage Sale Registration Form

Sale Date: **Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
Payment Due by noon; **Wednesday, April 30th**
_____ \$10 individual sale _____ \$30 group sale*

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
How many years have you participated in the Kingfield Garage Sale? _____

Make your tax-deductible donation payment to:
KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Room #101, Minneapolis, MN 55409

*A group sale must represent at least 5 households on a block and registration information must be provided for all participants in the group block sale. Call the KFNA office at (612) 823-5980 with questions.

Items for sale
household furniture
sporting equipment
books/videos/CDs/DVDs
baby items
children's toys/clothing
mens' clothing
women's clothing
knick-knacks
antiques/collectibles
tools
other:

Court Watch

Imagine a string of burglaries in your neighborhood. You breathe a sigh of relief upon reading that police have arrested the suspected perpetrator. Months later, you hear that your neighborhood has been the target of a fresh string of burglaries. Coincidence? Or a criminal justice system that allows chronic offenders to slip through the cracks, freeing them for repeat offenses?

Lyndale Avenue Corridor Court Watch is a program initiated by Tom Thompson of the Minneapolis 5th Precinct to curb livability crimes in the CARAG, Kingfield, and Lyndale neighborhoods by monitoring the progress of identified repeat offenders through the criminal justice system. The goal of Court Watch is to work collaboratively with the criminal justice system to ensure that perpetrators are convicted and appropriately sentenced for their crimes. Court Watch utilizes volunteers from the three participating neighborhoods (East Harriet is also poised to participate, but lacks volunteers to date) to help monitor daily arrest reports dealing with assault, auto theft, burglary, homicide,

narcotics, rape, and robbery. Volunteers (assisted by the City Attorney's office or the Hennepin County Attorney's office) follow the progress of individual cases through the court system, contact neighborhood residents for community impact statements that may affect sentencing, and find out what sentence is handed down.

A recent example of Court Watch in action was City and 5th Precinct Attorney Lisa Godon's request for community impact statements in connection with the trials of the accused killers of Mark Loesch, a Kingfield resident, and the accused perpetrator of an October robbery/assault incident at King Park. These impact statements will be presented at trial, and may well influence the sentencing of these cases.

For lower-profile crimes such as burglary and mobile drug dealing, it's easier for the perpetrators to plea-bargain or for judges to impose ineffective sentences. Court Watch aims to track these less visible crimes, which also affect Kingfield residents. Volunteers can play a constructive role in showing police, prosecutors, and judges that our neighborhood is paying attention and that we expect offenders to be appropriately tried and sentenced. If Court Watch identifies problems within the system, community pressure on lax prosecutors, overly lenient judges, or even legislators reviewing sentencing guidelines may be an effective way of resolving these problems.

If you are interested in volunteering to participate in Court Watch or would like more information, you can contact Lisa Godon at 612.673.5402 or lisa.godon@ci.minneapolis.mn.us, or Tom Thompson at 612.673.2823 or Thomas.thompson@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.

Kingfield Farmer's Market

Spring, and the Kingfield Farmers' Market, are just around the corner! May 17 - Bring in the spring with Kingfield Farmers' Market vendors at the Judson Street Fest (see details in the calendar). The regular Farmers' Market opens for the season on Sunday, June 1 with our annual plant exchange and then will be there for you every Sunday, June -October. Bake-offs are back beginning with our 2nd annual Rhubarb Bake-off on June 8. Amateurs and professionals are encouraged to participate.

The Kingfield Farmers' Market has a great opportunity for you and your family to get down and dirty. Volunteer to assist the market coordinator and experience a "day in the life" of a farmers' market. Help with market set-up, take down and vending. You, your family or a group of friends can sign up for one or more markets. This is a wonderful way to support the market and have fun at the same time. Call or email the KFNA office for more details 612-823-5980x3 or kingfield@q.com.

KFNA is hiring for the Kingfield Farmers' Market Coordinator position and looking for a summer intern. Please call the KFNA office if you are interested 612-823-5980x3

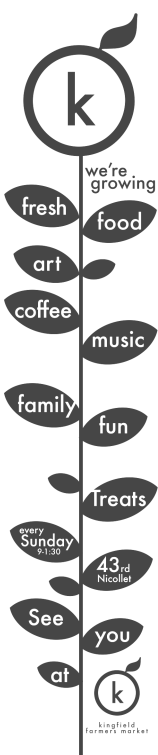
Kingfield Farmers' Market & Davidson's Farm Making Mother's Day Special

- \$5 Jumbo 6-pack of zinnias, cosmos or marigolds
- \$5 4" grape or cherry tomato plants
- \$25 Terracotta mesclum lettuce bowls Harvest your own spring salad.

Order Deadline: Friday, March 21
Send plant order and check to KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S. #101 or pay online www.kingfield.org.

Pick-Up on Sat., May 10, 10am-1pm
Frame Ups Gallery, 4325 Nicollet Ave.

40% of sales support the Market



Volunteer in your Neighborhood

Kingfield has wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Do you have gift, talents, experience or interest in the environment, art, urban development, crime and safety, writing, farmers' markets, community building or fundraising? If so, we have a place for you. Go to www.kingfield.org to view our active committee list and meeting times. We would love to have you join us. Please contact us with your questions Kingfield@q.com or 612-823-5980.

Southwest Journal's Home Improvement Fair Saturday, March 29 10am - 3pm Southwest High School, 3414 W. 47th St., Minneapolis

Dreaming of spring already? The fair is a great opportunity to meet local contractors, get tips for your home and garden and meet city experts who will be on hand to field zoning questions. **Be sure to stop by the Center for Energy and Environment table and ask about Kingfield's home loan and grant programs!** FREE. For more information call 612-436-4387.

Light Aerobics and Weights Mondays at 10:15 am from March 17 to May 19

Enjoy exercising to music while doing strength training, stretching, and light aerobics with certified instructor, Nancy Fritz-Whalen. This class is supported by Kingfield Neighborhood Association, MLK Park, and Southwest Senior Center.

Recommended Donation: \$20
Questions? Call Mary Ann Schoenberger, Director, Southwest Senior Center, (612) 822-3194.

KFNA wants to see more bikes... and the City agrees!

Minneapolis has matching funds in 2008 for the purchase and installation of public bike racks at commercial locations. Bike racks typically cost between \$150-\$290 per unit, depending on style. KFNA is willing to provide an additional \$25 rebate per unit to businesses that want to install the Kingfield "sprout" racks, the same ones you see at Victor's, Anodyne, Best Foods, The Center for Creative Arts, and other prominent Kingfield businesses! Three neighborhood businesses, Rau+Barber, Curran's Family Restaurant, and Gee Teez have already asked KFNA to set up a meeting to site the bike racks and see how a rack will work on their property. If you are interested in discussing the addition of bike racks at your business, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, kfna@email.com or 612.823.5980.

MLK Park Spring Program Updates

Spring Program Registrations begin Monday, March 10th at 6:00pm

ML King Park Spring Sports Registration: Boys and Girls Baseball / Softball Team registration for U11 and U13. Little Sluggers T-Ball for children ages 5 and 6 The fee is \$15.00 - scholarships available

5th Annual Spring Fling
Thursday, March 20th 6-7:30
Piñata, crafts and egg hunt
Sloppy Joes served at 6pm
Please register online

Be sure to sign up for affordable **Spring Break Field Trips**. Trips include Minnesota Zoo, Tropics Water Park, Cosmic Bowling, Cinema Grill and the Minnesota Science Museum.

"Nature Babies" for parents and their children up to 3 years old.

For further information and registration check us out online at www.minneapolisparcs.org.

King Park Summer Fundamental Soccer

This year, King Park is moving towards an "in-house" Fundamental Soccer League. Our goal is still to provide a program that is designed to introduce children to the fundamentals of soccer while creating a positive, fun environment for all participants, both boys and girls, at all ability levels, with a focus on sportsmanship. We hope to have a large enough registration pool (registration begins Sat. April 19) to form teams of 7-10 players that can practice together for two to three sessions and then lead into playing games and conclude with a league banquet.

This program will be open to kids ages 5-8 with teams grouped by age. We need a minimum of one volunteer parent coach per team. The season will run on Wednesdays, and potentially Mondays if there is enough interest, beginning June 18, through the end of July.

We will have an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 7 PM, MLK Park to introduce the program and identify potential parent coaches. If you have questions, or want to volunteer as a coach, please let us know by calling Brian Cornell at MLK Park, 370-3908 or bcornell@minneapolisparcs.org.

Dodgeball is BACK! Teams Forming Now

If you missed it last year, now is your chance! In an effort to build connections between a wide assortment of community stakeholders, KFNA is once again working with the Minneapolis Park Board to organize a Spring Adult Dodgeball League. Dodgeball was such a smashing (literally!) success last year that the league has expanded at MLK Park to 2 nights: Tuesday for those with a competitive urge, and Wednesday for more recreational lobbers. KFNA has a number of teams forming that have room for a player or two, or feel free to organize your own team. The details for registering your team are on the KFNA website at www.kingfield.org but the short version is this:

Each team can have 4-12 players (6 is typical on the floor but you can play with as few as 4)
Players must be over 18
Games take place Tues. or Wed. (depending on league choice) at 6, 7, or 8 PM and last one hour.
Season runs from April 15 (Tues.) or 16 (Wed.) to June 10 or 11.

Registration for returning teams opens on March 17; new teams can register on March 25. Team registration is \$115. If you have questions contact Jack Bartsch at the Minneapolis Park Board at jbartsch@minneapolisparcs.org or 612.230.6492. To join a team that is looking for additional players or start a team that doesn't have a full roster yet, contact Sarah at KFNA at kfna@email.com or 612.823.5980.

The Center for Creative Arts Cooperative Association

Did you know The Center for Performing Arts has been managed by a Cooperative Association of tenants since January, 2007? We chose the name The Center for Creative Arts to reflect the diversity of activities that happen here. We are member-operated and membership isn't necessary to rent space at the Center. We have embarked on what we call "a grand experiment" to keep the Center alive as a community resource and a home for artists and healers. We are under a contract for deed as a stepping stone to ownership, so we can't yet change the sign out front.

We began as a small group of committed tenants, meeting in March, 2006, to creatively find a way to finance ownership of the building. Jackie Hayes, the owner of the building, wanted to sell it. We are learning a lot about managing The Center and our own small businesses. We now have 16 co-op members! Our vision is to have an owner-controlled work space, using volunteer labor to keep costs down, and build community by working together.

We provide space for classes, lessons and sessions of all kinds from music, dance, bodywork, chiropractic, psychotherapy, and special events on an hourly and monthly basis. We like being located in a residential neighborhood, having history here as a place for activities for children and adults that

reflect both the needs of the neighborhood and the greater local arts and healing community. Artists and healers contribute to the vitality and health of any community yet often find it difficult to find affordable and desirable space.

Come meet us! We hold informal Brown Bag Lunches on the second Wednesday of every month from noon to 1 p.m. Join us at the Center, with your lunch, and meet fellow coop members, tenants, friends, business owners, and neighbors to socialize, share ideas, and network. One day some of us tried a new incarnation of a familiar craze, Hooping (hoola hoops), which is now a form of exercise and spiritual practice! Everyone is welcome. If you have topics to suggest or want to share what you do, let us know. Contact us at the Center office: 612-821-9202 for further information and questions.

-Marjorie Huebner,
CCA Board Member

On a fixed income and need help painting your home?
A Brush With Kindness
House painting and minor repairs applications and eligibility: 612-788-8169

Metro Paint-A-Thon
House painting
Eligibility: 60+ or disabled homeowner on limited income
Apply by May 9
612-721-8687 x 321
www.gmss.org/paint-a-thon

Faces Etc.

Minnesota's first makeup training facility is now open at 4419 Nicollet Avenue South. Faces Etc provides both Professional Media Makeup Artistry training and Beauty Educational training. The former is a comprehensive course, which teaches students all the skills necessary to work as a professional media make-up artist. Work opportunities include film production, television and print. For those who are already licensed beauty professionals, Faces Etc offers courses to enhance a practitioner's palette of beauty techniques.

The complete Makeup Artistry Course requires 130 hours of classes, which are conducted in four-week, full-time sessions. There is no prerequisite for the course; admission is allowed at the discretion of the director of the school. Tuition for the complete course is \$4,945, part of which goes towards the purchase of a professional makeup kit, suitable for use in the field once the graduate moves into the work world. There is a similarly comprehensive course of study directed towards licensed beauty professionals, as well as a range of a la carte classes. The cost for a full day class is \$240.

All classes are taught by

licensed beauty educators and platform artists, boasting more than 25 years of experience. All the staff are active professionals in the Film, HDTV and Print industries. For more information visit www.facesetcofmn.com or call 612.824.3000.

-Thor Anderson

Direct Support for KFNA, Directly from You- Thank you!

One hundred fifty neighbors and businesses have demonstrated their support of KFNA by contributing over \$8000 in cash to their neighborhood association this year. This money is critical support for the work we do publishing this newsletter, updating you weekly about neighborhood happenings via the e-mail list, running the Farmers' Market and Walking Group, sponsoring an art show, facilitating the process to provide you with the information regarding new developments in the neighborhood including 3700 Nicollet, and, per KFNA's mission statement, providing a forum for community participation, and a structure to promote the vision and aspiration of the neighborhood.

We thank you for your support and welcome your tax-deductible gifts at any time of the year! Contributions can be made online at www.kingfield.org or mailed to the Kingfield office, and 100% will be spent to improve your neighborhood!

Event	Time
MLK Park Spring Sports Registration Begins	March 10 612-370-4908 or www.minneapolisparcs.org
Light Weights & Aerobics Begins	March 17 10:15 a.m. MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.
Eco-Friendly Winter Maintenance Seminar	March 20 7 - 8 p.m. MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. (See story page 2)
MLK Park 5th Annual Spring Fling	March 20 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pيناتا, crafts and egg hunt. Sloppy does served at 6 p.m. Please register online www.minneapolisparcs.org
Living Art- Art Show and Silent Auction	March 22 7 - 10 p.m. Rau + Barber Studio, 4244 Nicollet Ave. S.
Southwest Journal's Home Improvement Fair	March 29 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Southwest High School, West Gym 314 W. 47th St. Minneapolis (46th and Chown Ave. S.)
Citizen Training on Gangs in Minneapolis	April 2 6:30 p.m. 5th Precinct, 3101 Nicollet Ave. S.
Info on gangs active in Kingfield will be presented	
Kids Summer Soccer Organizational Meeting	April 16 7 - 8 p.m. MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. (See story page 3)
Earth Day at MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.	April 19 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Registration in person or at www.minneapolisparcs.org
Kingfield Annual Meeting & Board Election	April 21 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. A Taste of Kingfield (See story page 2) Meeting and Election at MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.
Adult Dodgeball League Begins	April 15 or 16 evenings MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. (See story page 3)
Kingfield Garage Sale	May 3 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration form inside or www.kingfield.org
Wallops on Mural Preview Party	May 3 7 p.m. Home of Mark Hinds, 3616 Blaisdell Ave. S.
The Lake Country School Plant Sale	May 15 & 16 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 3755 Pleasant Ave. S.
Judson Street Fest with Farmers' Market Vendors	May 17 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. 4101 Hartlet Ave. S.
Kingfield Farmers' Market Opens	June 1 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free Perennial Plant exchange and more 4310 Nicollet Ave. S.
Rhubarb Bake-off at the Kingfield Market	June 8

Calendar of Events

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